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The History of the
Presbytery of Steuben:

*Including that of all the other Presbyteries to which the churches
of Steuben and Allegany Counties have belonged, notices
of ministers, elders, and missionaries, sketches
of the existing churches of Presbytery, and
over one hundred illustrations.*

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Ye hills of Allegany
And valleys of Steuben,
Full well you speak Jehovah's power
From every peak and glen:
Full well from woods and waters,
And fields of verdure fair,
His wisdom, goodness and His truth,
You ceaselessly declare.

By this, the willing captives
Who love your rugged ways,
You point to Him who ruleth all,
To whom be all the praise. * * *
And thus, O hills and valleys—
Dispensers of God's love—
We rise, by you His stepping-stones,
Up to His Courts above.

* * * * *

Then be it our endeavor,
In thought and word and deed,
To live. Thy children, as Thou wilt,
And so Thy kingdom speed,
Till the hills of Allegany
And valleys of Steuben,
With loving words of women thrill,
And noble deeds of men.

As thus, in loyal service,
By help of grace divine,
We do or suffer in Thy name,
The glory shall be Thine:
While holy jubilate
Re-echoes back again,
From Allegany's grand old hills,
And the vales of dear Steuben!

—From Lines read at
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Dec., 1893.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

A few pages in the handwriting of Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., outlining the history of Bath and Steuben Presbyteries and of three or four churches, is the seed from which this compilation has grown. It is an attempt to bring together in permanent and accessible form the essential facts with regard to Presbyterianism in Steuben and Allegany counties—the field of Steuben Presbytery. It is based upon a careful study of all the records of the various presbyteries. The sketches of churches which appear in all cases have been revised by representatives of the churches. The illustrations have been added by permission of Presbytery, and without expense to it, with the desire of making the work the more interesting and valuable. It is a matter of great regret that no portrait of Rev. David Higgins could be found. The ministers in every case, excepting the larger pictures, appear in the order in which they began work on this field, without regard to the text; the elders in the order in which they were ordained; and the churches in the order in which they were founded. It is much to be regretted that no space was available for personal sketches.

It is not possible to name here the great number of friends of Presbytery who have assisted in some way—by gathering or verifying facts, by helping to secure engravings, and by paying for them. Especial acknowledgment is due to Rev. William Waith, Ph. D., Stated Clerk of Buffalo Presbytery, for twice loaning the records of Angelica and Genesee Valley Presbyteries; to Rev. Charles C. Carr, nearly fifty years Stated Clerk of Chemung Presbytery, for twice loaning the necessary records of Chemung Presbytery; and to Rev. J. Wilford Jacks, D. D., Stated Clerk of Geneva Presbytery, for the privilege of examining the early records of Geneva Presbytery. An outline sketch found in a book of minutes of the first ten years of Genesee Valley Presbytery, by Rev. Isaac G. Ogden, then Stated Clerk, has helped. Many of the facts in the sketch of missionaries have been gleaned from the "Silver Jubilee" pamphlet of the Woman's Presbyterial Society. "The History of Rochester Presbytery", by Rev. Levi Parsons, D. D.; the "Historical Sketch of Buffalo Presbytery", by Rev. Dr. William Waith; the brief "History of the Presbytery of Niagara", published in 1887; the "History of the Presbytery of Geneva (1805-1889)", by Rev. Dr. J. Jermain Porter, and "The History of the Settlement of Steuben County", by Guy H. McMaster, have all been of assistance. But more valuable and serviceable than anything, for the early history, has been Rev. James H. Hotchkins' monumental "History of Western New York". Special acknowledgment is due to Mr. Charles P. Arnold, of Angelica, for valuable help in many different ways.

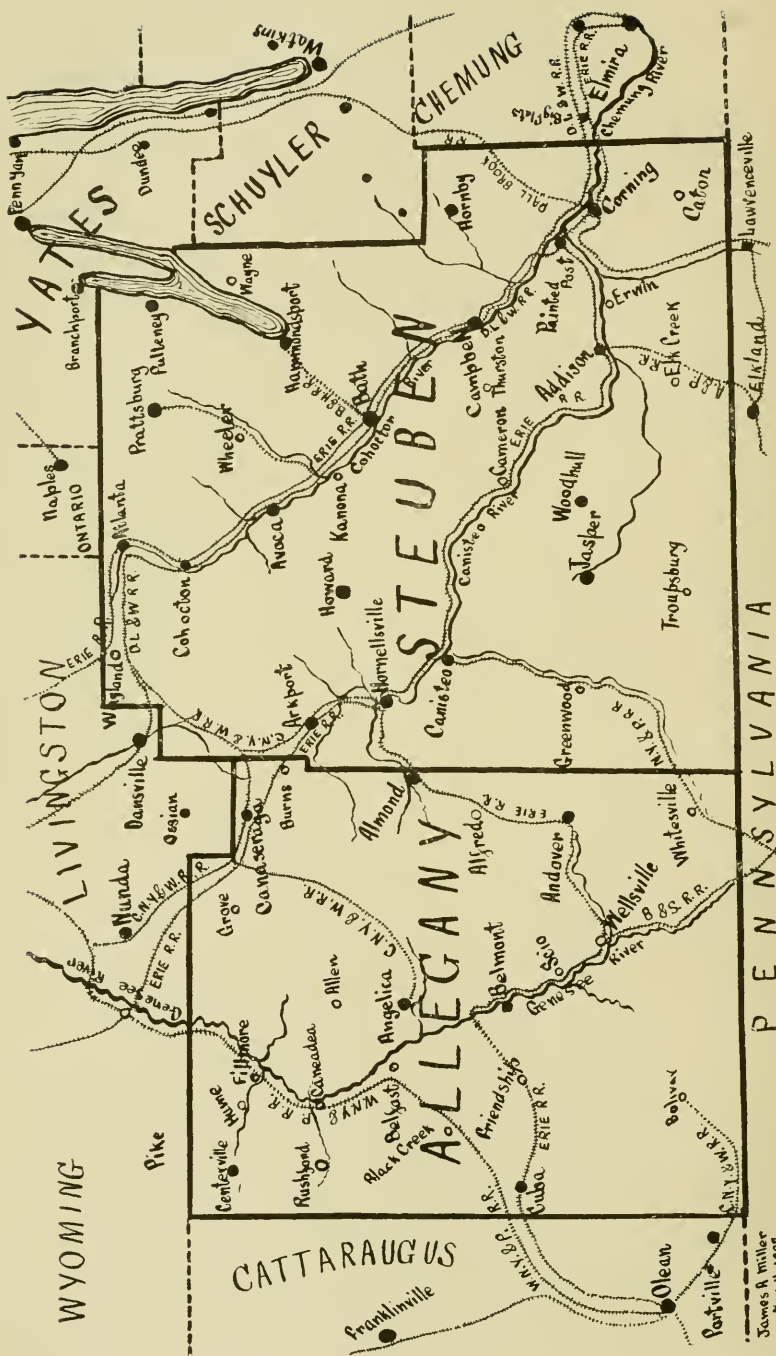
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STEUBEN PRESBYTERY.

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The History of Steuben Presbytery.



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

REV. RICHARD DENTON and Rev. FRANCIS MAKEMIE are the two names most prominent in the early history of "The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America". Denton was settled over the Presbyterian congregation of Hempstead, L. I., in 1644, and Makemie began work at Reheboth, Md., in 1683. Seven ministers met in Philadelphia in 1705 and constituted the Presbytery of Philadelphia, with Rev. Francis Makemie Moderator. The first synod, the Synod of Philadelphia, was formed in 1717, by dividing the original presbytery into three presbyteries — Philadelphia, New Castle, and Long Island. In 1729 the Westminster Confession of Faith was adopted as the standard of doctrine. There were now on the roll 27 ministers. The first division came in 1741, growing out of the "Great Awakening" questions. In this revival movement Gilbert Tennent, Jonathan Edwards, and George Whitfield were leaders. Until 1758 there were two independent synods, New York and Philadelphia, at which time these two synods reunited under the name of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia. There were now enrolled 9 presbyteries, with 94 ministers and more than 100 churches.

In 1788 the Confession of Faith, the Longer and Shorter Catechism, the Directory of Worship, and the Form of Government and Discipline were adopted, and the 16 presbyteries were distributed into four synods. The first General Assembly met in Philadelphia in 1789. The "Plan of Union", an agreement between the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches to facilitate frontier work, especially in Western New York, was adopted in 1801. By the trials of McNemar and Campbell for heresy, in 1801 and 1805 respectively, the strongest impetus was given to the formation of the Christian Church; while in 1810 the withdrawal of ministers to form the Presbytery of Cumberland formed the nucleus of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The last and greatest division came in 1837, when General Assembly excised the Synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee, in Western New York, and Western Reserve in Ohio. The representatives of these synods held a Conference at Auburn in August 1837; and at Philadelphia the next spring their commissioners, being refused enrollment in the General Assembly,

organized a second General Assembly. The latter branch became known as the "New School" and the former as the "Old School" Presbyterian Church. The Southern commissioners withdrew from the "Old School" General Assembly of 1861, and in 1862 completed the organization of the Southern Presbyterian Church. At Pittsburg in 1869 Old and New School Churches agreed upon a basis of union, and at Philadelphia in 1870 the union was fully consummated.

BEGINNINGS.

The counties of Steuben and Allegany—the field of Steuben Presbytery—were settled by those who entered at what is now Corning, and followed the Canisteo and Cohocton rivers toward their source. The first inhabitant was William Harris, an Indian trader, who settled at Painted Post about 1787. In 1789 Solomon Bennett, John Davison, Uriah Stephens, Richard Crosby, and possibly Elisha Brown, visited and purchased lands now in Canisteo and Hornellsville and at once began settlements. In that same year Frederick Calkins, Ephraim Patterson, and Ichabod Patterson made the first settlement in what is now Corning. In 1790 Col. Eleazar Lindsley, a member of the Morristown, N. J., Presbyterian Church, reached the Tioga valley. April 17, 1793, Capt. Williamson's party of 30, headed by Charles Cameron, landed from their flat-boat near the present site of the D. L. & W. R. R. station in Bath. In 1795, Allegany's pioneer, Nathaniel Dike, settled between Andover and Wellsville. The next year Rev. Andrew Gray, Moses VanCampen, Henry McHenry, and Joseph Rathbun settled in the present Almond. Steuben County was erected from Ontario by an Act passed Mar. 8, 1796, and was divided into six towns—Bath, Canisteo, Dansville, Frederickstown, Middletown, and Painted Post. Allegany County was formed from Genesee by an Act passed April 6, 1806, and for two years Angelica was the only township.

The first church organized in the field of Steuben Presbytery was a Dutch Reformed church at Almond, in 1796 or '97. The first Presbyterian ministers in Western New York of whom we have definite knowledge were missionaries in the employment of General Assembly. In 1793 Rev. Ira Condict organized a Congregational church at Palmyra, and the same year Rev. Benjamin Judd another at Oquago. The first Presbyterian churches in Western New York were organized in 1795 by Rev. Daniel Thacher, at Newtown (Elmira), Charlestown (Lima), and Genesee (Lakeville). In 1799 Rev. David Barclay and Rev. Robert Logan spent three months in

Ontario and Steuben Counties. The first Presbyterian ministers to settle permanently in Western New York were Rev. Jedediah Chapman at Geneva in 1800, and Rev. John Lindsley at Ovid, in the same year.

In 1800 all New York State, except New York city and vicinity, belonged to Albany Presbytery. In 1802 all Central and Western New York were set off into Oneida Presbytery. In 1805 Oneida Presbytery was restricted to the west lines of Oneida and Chenango Counties, and all the State west of that line was assigned to the new Geneva Presbytery. In 1810 Geneva Presbytery was restricted to the tract west of Lake Cayuga—Onondaga and Chenango Presbyteries being erected east of that lake. In 1817 Western New York was distributed into four presbyteries—Geneva, Bath, Ontario, and Niagara.

Before 1820 all the presbyteries of Western New York belonged to Geneva Synod. In 1820 General Assembly constituted Niagara, Genesee, Rochester, and Ontario Presbyteries the Synod of Genesee, and in 1834 Angelica Presbytery was transferred from Geneva Synod to Genesee. Buffalo Presbytery when erected was assigned to Genesee Synod. In 1871 the new Synod of Genesee, formed by the union of the New School Synod of Genesee and the Old School Synod of Buffalo, was permitted by General Assembly to change its name to the Synod of Western New York. In 1881 the six synods of New York State were consolidated into the Synod of New York.

The existing churches of Steuben Presbytery have belonged at different periods to six presbyteries—Geneva, Bath, Angelica, Chemung, Genesee Valley, and Steuben. It will be necessary to sketch each of these in order.

GENEVA PRESBYTERY (1805–1817).

Steuben Presbytery churches dating back of the formation of Bath Presbytery in 1817, excepting Cohocton, were enrolled in Geneva Presbytery. As constituted by General Assembly in 1805 it comprised four ministers and eight churches. The ministers were Jedediah Chapman, Geneva; John Lindsley, Ovid; Samuel Leacock, Gorham (Hopewell); and Jabez Chadwick, Milton (Genoa). The churches were Geneva, Gorham (Hopewell), Ovid (became Dutch Reformed in 1806), Seneca (now Ovid), Romulus, Ulysses, 1st (Trumansburg), Ulysses 2d (Ithaca), and Genesee (Lakeville). The first meeting of presbytery was at Geneva Sept. 17, 1805. All the ministers were present except Leacock, who is believed to have died

about this time. Among the seven elders present was Jabish Havens, afterwards an elder in the Pulteney Church. Among the four corresponding members was the Rev. David Higgins, afterwards pastor of the Bath Church. Rev. David Higgins preached the sermon and Rev. Jedediah Chapman offered the constituting prayer. The bounds of Geneva Presbytery to 1810 included all New York State west of Oneida and Chenango Counties. During this period the following additional churches were enrolled: 1805—Newtown and Chemung (Elmira—extinct in 1810); 1806—Milton (Genoa) and Caledonia; 1807—Onondaga (Syracuse); 1808—Junius (Seneca Falls) and East Palmyra; 1810—Hector and Onondaga Hollow.

In October, 1810, the Synod of Albany restricted Geneva Presbytery to that part of the State west of Cayuga Lake. The following churches still belonged to it: Geneva, Gorham (Hopewell), Romulus, Seneca (Ovid), Hector, Ulysses 1st (Trumansburg), Ulysses 2d (Ithaca), Junius (Seneca Falls), East Palmyra, Geneseo (Lakeville), and Caledonia. Before Bath Presbytery was formed the following additional churches had been enrolled: Sept. 18, 1811—BATH, Lyons, and Benton; Aug. 19, 1812—ANGELICA, ALFRED (Almond), and PAINTED POST (Corning); 1813—Sodus, Phelps, Livonia, Honeyoye, West Bloomfield, Orangeville (Attica), Warsaw, PRATTSBURG, and Huron (Port Bay); 1814—Geneseo, Augusta (Rushville), Gorham, Penfield, Junius 2d, Pittsford, Elmira 1st, and WAYNE; 1815—Naples, LeRoy, Parma (Ogden), and Galen (Clyde); 1816—Gates 1st (Rochester 1st), Buffalo 1st, South Bristol, and Perry; 1817—Mt. Morris, Lewiston, Hamburg 1st, Pomfret (Fredonia), and Palmyra. There was a time, therefore, when Bath, Angelica, Almond, Corning, and Prattsburg met in presbytery Elmira, Geneva, Rochester, and Buffalo.

Rev. David Higgins was enrolled in Geneva Presbytery at its first meeting, but its division in 1810 took him into Auburn Presbytery. Installed pastor of the Bath Church at a special meeting July 11, 1813, he again became a member of Geneva Presbytery. The first mention of Rev. James H. Hotchkiss in Geneva Presbytery minutes is as a corresponding member at a meeting held in Milton (Genoa) in 1806. He was installed as a Congregational pastor at Prattsburg in 1809 and enrolled in Geneva Presbytery in 1813. Nov. 5, 1811 there was a special meeting of Geneva Presbytery at Bath to consider certain difficulties arising in the change from a Congregational to a Presbyterian church. Presbytery strongly recommended the church to become fully Presbyterian, and very soon elders were ordained. A special meeting was held at Angelica, Aug. 19, 1812. The Angelica and Almond churches were enrolled with Moses VanCampen as elder, and Rev. Robert Hubbard ordained and installed over these two churches. The Painted Post (Corning) Church was enrolled with James Fulton as elder, and arrangements made to install Rev. Clement Hickman pastor. There were present Revs. David Tuller, West Bloomfield; Olive Ayer, East Bloomfield; John Niles, Bath; William Clark, Seneca (Ovid); Charles Mosher, Rom-



Rev. GEORGE R. RUDD, Prattsburg.



Rev. HENRY H. SPALDING, Prattsburg.



Rev. LEVERETT HULL, Angelica.



Rev. ROBERT E. WILLSON, Hammondsport.



Rev. SAMUEL M. HOPKINS, D. D., Corning.



Rev. BENJAMIN C. SMITH, Prattsburg.

ulus; Henry Axtell, Geneva; and James H. Hotchkiss, Prattsburg; with elders, Henry A. Townsend, Bath; Moses VanCampen, Angelica; and James Fulton, Painted Post (Corning). From Angelica the members of resbytery must have proceeded directly to Painted Post (Corning), for at a meeting there Aug. 25, 1812, Rev. Clement Hickman was installed pastor of that church, and the same ministers, excepting Rev. John Niles, were present. This pastoral relationship was dissolved Sept. 10, 1816. In 1813 Rev. Silas Hubbard, afterwards a minister of the Andover Church, was installed pastor of the Warsaw and Orangeville (Attica) Churches. The only stated meeting of Geneva Presbytery held within the bounds of Steuben Presbytery was at Bath in 1814. The stated clerks of Geneva Presbytery for this period were, Rev. Jabez Chadwick, Milton (Genoa), 1805-7; Rev. David Higgins, Aurelius, 1807-10; and Rev. Henry Axtell, Geneva, 1810-17.

THE MINISTERS OF GENEVA PRESBYTERY FROM 1805 TO 1817.

NOTE.—Capitals indicate ministers and churches within the territory of present Steuben Presbytery; p—pastor; ss—stated supply; s—transferred by synod; l—by letter; d—death; o—ordination; s d—suspended and deposed; r—restored.

NAMES.	FIELD.	RECEIVED.	DISMISSED.
Jedediah Chapman, D. D.	Geneva. p	s Sept. 17, 1805	d May 22, 1813
John Lindsley.	Ovid. p	s Sept. 17, 1805	
Jabez Chadwick.	Geneseo (Lakeville). p	s Sept. 17, 1805	s Feb. 21, 1817
Garrit Mandeville.	Milton (Genoa). p		s 1810
David Higgins.	Onondaga. p	l Sept. 17, 1805	s 1810
Hezekiah N. Woodruff.	Ulysses 1st and 2d. p	l Sept. 18, 1805	s 1810
Benjamin Bell.	Aurelius. p	l Sept. 18, 1805	s 1810
Charles Mosher.	East Palmyra. ss	l July 2, 1807	l Sept. 19, 1811
Dirck C. Lausing.	Romulus. p	o Aug. 18, 1807	
Oliver Ayer.	Phelps. p		
Alexander Denoon.	Onondaga. p	o Dec. 2, 1807	s 1810
Howell R. Powell.	East Bloomfield. ss	l June 29, 1808	l Feb. 22, 1815
Ezekiel J. Chapman.	Caledonia. p	o Aug. 17, 1808	s Feb. 21, 1817
John Stuart.	Phelps. ss	l Aug. 17, 1808	s d Sept. 10, 1816
John Davenport.	Lima. p	l Aug. 17, 1808	s Feb. 21, 1817
Joseph Merrill.	Seneca Falls. p	o Aug. 24, 1808	
Aaron C. Collins.	Lyons. ss		s d Sept. 22, 1813
William Clark.	Hopewell and Rushville. p	l Mar. 14, 1810	s 1810
JOHN NILES.	East Bloomfield. ss	l June 26, 1810	
David Tuller.	Livonia. ss	l Apr. 16, 1811	s Feb. 21, 1817
Reuben Parmelee.	Ovid and Hector. p	l Apr. 17, 1811	
Henry Axtell.	Huron. p		
Hippocrates Rowe.	BATH. p	l Sept. 17, 1811	d Sept. 13, 1812
ROBERT HUBBARD.	West Bloomfield. ss	l July 7, 1812	s Feb. 21, 1817
CLEMENT HICKMAN.		l July 7, 1812	s Feb. 21, 1817
JAMES H. HOTCHKIN.	Geneva. p	o July 8, 1812	
Silas Hubbard.	East Palmyra. p	o July 8, 1812	s Feb. 21, 1817
Darius A. Griswold.	ANGELICA & ALMOND. p	o Aug. 20, 1812	s Feb. 21, 1817
DAVID HIGGINS.	PAINTED POST (Corning) p	o Aug. 25, 1812	s Feb. 21, 1817
Francis Pomeroy.	PRATTSBURG. p	l Apr. 22, 1813	s Feb. 21, 1817
Eleazar Fairbanks.	Warsaw. p	l Apr. 22, 1813	s Feb. 21, 1817
Moses Young.	East Bloomfield. p	l Apr. 22, 1813	l Aug. 10, 1815
Lyman Barrett.	BATH. p	l Apr. 22, 1813	s Feb. 21, 1817
Shibley Wells.	Lyons. p	l Apr. 20, 1814	
Ebenezer Lazell.	Romulus. p	l Sept. 22, 1814	
Andrew Rawson.	Naples. p	o Mar. 7, 1815	
Ebenezer Fitch, D. D.	Seneca Falls. ss	o June 20, 1815	s Feb. 21, 1817
Comfort Williams.		l Aug. 9, 1815	s Aug. 15, 1816
Hezekiah Woodruff.	South Bristol. ss	l Aug. 10, 1815	s Feb. 21, 1817
Miles P. Squier.	West Bloomfield. p	l Oct. 10, 1815	s Feb. 21, 1817
Stephen Porter.	Rochester 1st. p	l Nov. 22, 1815	s Feb. 21, 1817
Howell R. Powell.	Elmira 1st. p	l Jan. 16, 1816	s Feb. 21, 1817
Hugh Wallis.	Buffalo 1st. p	o Feb. 16, 1816	s Feb. 21, 1817
	Ovid and Hector. p	o May 3, 1816	s Feb. 21, 1817
	Pembroke. ss	l Aug. 13, 1816	
		r Feb. 12, 1817	
		l Feb. 19, 1817	s Feb. 21, 1817

BATH PRESBYTERY (1817-1862).

“Bath” and “Steuben” are different names for the same presbytery. For convenience they will be treated as if separate bodies. The Presbytery of Bath was constituted at Geneva Feb. 21, 1817, by the Synod of Geneva setting off from Geneva Presbytery the churches and ministers within Steuben, Allegany, and Tioga (Pa.) counties, together with Rev. Ebenezer Lazel and Rev. Lyman Barrett, and the Naples Church. The first meeting was held at Prattsburg Mar. 18, 1817, Rev. David Higgins preaching from Prov. 4:9, “She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace”. There were present at that first meeting 6 ministers and 3 elders: *Ministers*—David Higgins, Bath, Ebenezer Lazel, Pulteney, James H. Hotchkinn, Prattsburg, Robert Hubbard, Angelica and Almond, Lyman Barrett, Naples, and Hezekiah Woodruff, Elmira; *Elders*—Henry A. Townsend, Bath, Jesse Waldo, Prattsburg, and Christopher Hurlbut, Alfred (Almond) and Angelica. Rev. Clement Hickman was absent and the churches not represented by elders were Elmira, Wayne, Naples, and Painted Post (Corning).

The Narrative of the State of Religion presented to presbytery at Southport, Jan. 27, 1825, by Rev. David Higgins, reviews the situation:

“The little church at South Dansville has become nearly extinct. * * * Those at Olean and Ossian are feeble and have little more than a bare existence. At Black Creek the church has a little strength and gives encouragement. * * * The church at Angelica is favored with the prospect of some additions. * * * Howard, though small, yet firm. * * * Cohocton is weak and feeble but are exerting themselves in a commendable manner in the support of their minister. * * * In Prattsburg the church appears to be waking from a long sleep. * * * Pulteney is in more harmony than usual. * * * Bath is in its usual state of slow progression and small increase. Wayne has been favored with a few instances of hopeful conversion. * * * In Reading (Starkey) a few members have been added. Catherine and Reading (Reading) though small and feeble observes stated meetings when they have no preaching. Mead’s Creek is rising in numbers and exertion. Painted Post (Corning) has a small circle of sisters who keep up a prayer meeting, a society for the aid of missionary purposes, and a Sabbath School for children. Elmira shows some attention to serious subjects, counterbalanced by a great and general stupidity. Southport is not favored with any revival. In Naples we learn there is great religious excitement”.

Almond alone was not mentioned. The apportionment of \$240 for the American Home Missionary Society, Aug. 28, 1828, gives an idea of the relative strength of the churches then in Presbytery: \$35, Prattsburg; \$25, Elmira; \$20, Wayne; \$16, Bath; \$12, Star-

key; \$10, Almond, Angelica, Howard 1st, Naples, Painted Post (Corning), Pulteney, and Southport; \$8, Cohocton, and Big Flats; \$6, Black Creek, Mead's Creek, Ossian, and Wheeler; \$5, Allen, Andover, Howard 2d, and Reading; \$2, Olean; 0, Bennett's Creek, and South Dansville.

The bounds of presbytery extending from Elmira to Olean, and horse-back being the best method of traveling, presbytery petitioned Geneva Synod to set off the Allegany County churches and ministers into a new presbytery to be called Angelica Presbytery. Synod at Syracuse, Oct. 7, 1828, granted the request. This action took out of Bath Presbytery 4 ministers and 6 churches.

From 1830 to 1834 was a period of revivals and rapid expansion. During this period the following churches were enrolled: Barrington, Campbell, Hammondsport, Hornby, Kennedyville (Kanona), Wells (Pa.), Horseheads, Plainville, Mansfield (Pa.), Addison, Catlin, Erwin, Painted Post 2d (Caton), Lawrenceville (Pa.), Havana, Woodhull, Troupsburg, and Hornellsville. The Bennett's Creek Church was divided into two churches—Greenwood with 17 members, and Jasper with 24 members. Presbytery meetings during this period were largely attended. At Painted Post, Jan. 28, 1834, there were present 13 ministers and 23 elders. At the next annual meeting, Bath, Aug. 26, 1834, 17 ministers and 23 elders were present—among the elders Marcus Whitman, M. D., from the Wheeler Church. At the meeting in Campbell, Jan. 27, 1835, 47 were in attendance—25 ministers and 22 elders. Upon petition of presbytery the Synod of Geneva, meeting at Penn Yan, Oct. 5, 1836, set off the churches and ministers south of the south line of the towns of Hornellsville, Howard, Bath, Tyrone, and Reading into a new presbytery called the Presbytery of Chemung. This action took out of Bath Presbytery 17 ministers and 20 churches. Included in this number were the churches of Campbell, Hornby, Jasper, Painted Post 1st (Corning), Addison, and Woodhull.

A special meeting was held at Kennedyville (Kanona), July 25, 1837, "for the purpose of deliberating and acting on a circular addressed to those who feel themselves aggrieved by some of the acts of the late General Assembly". The following resolutions were adopted by a yea and nay vote—Rev. Isaac W. Platt, Bath, and Elder Lewis Biles, Bath, dissenting:

"WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at their late meeting in Philadelphia did declare that the synods of Utica, Geneva, and Genesee were out of the constitutional connection of the Presbyterian Church and did exclude the commissioners of the presbyteries belonging to these synods from any participation in the deliberations and decisions of that body; therefore,

“Resolved, as the sense of this presbytery, that the aforesaid act of the General Assembly is at war with the principles of Presbyterian government, unconstitutional, and void, and ought not to be recognized by any judicatory or officer of the Presbyterian Church; * * *

“Resolved, that the General Assembly, in announcing as a special reason for their immediate action on this subject, the prevalence of gross disorders in the synods so excised, without specifying those disorders, or giving the synods any opportunity to answer the charges, has acted in a most precipitate and unconstitutional manner, contrary to all the usages of the Presbyterian Church, and affording a just ground of complaint to all the churches, ministers, and presbyteries belonging to these synods; * * *

“Resolved, that we approve of the propositions contained in a circular from Rev. James Richards, D. D., and others, for a convention of the representatives of the aggrieved presbyteries and others who can act with them in sentiment and feeling, to be held at Auburn, Aug. 17th next; * * *

“Resolved, that Rev. James H. Hotchkin, Rev. B. Foster Pratt, and Elam Bridges, Prattsburg, and Daniel I. Benton, Pulteney, be the commissioners of this presbytery to the Convention”.

The ultimate result was that Bath Presbytery became a part of the New School Presbyterian Church. The only change within presbytery was that at once the Bath Church, with Revs. Isaac W. Platt, and Daniel Washburn, and later the Cameron Church, withdrew to the Susquehanna (Old School) Presbytery. A New School church was at once organized in Bath which survived until reunion in 1870.

In 1857 there were 15 ministers and 18 churches in Bath Presbytery. The Jasper Church, upon its own petition to Synod, had been restored to Bath Presbytery in 1847. After several unsuccessful attempts to enlarge its boundaries, the Synod of Geneva, at Elmira, Sept. 30, 1862, restored to Bath Presbytery all the South Steuben ministers and churches enrolled in Chemung Presbytery—at the same time changing the name to that of the Presbytery of Steuben. The last meeting under the name of Bath Presbytery was at Hornellsville, June 17, 1862. There were present 7 ministers and 10 elders.

Bath Presbytery acted fewer times and less radically on the temperance question than Angelica Presbytery. In 1852 the following action was recorded:

“Resolved, as the sense of this presbytery, that a law similar in its general features to that recently enacted in the State of Maine, prohibiting the sale of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage, would be an immense blessing to the people of this State”.

Some action was taken against secret societies. Aug. 28, 1828, the Mead's Creek Church asked advice with regard to Free Masonry, and Presbytery answered in the following resolution:

“Resolved, that this presbytery, in view of all the light that has been exhibited on the subject of speculative Free Masonry, cannot but view the institution as hostile to the interests of the Church of Christ, and that they consider it the duty of Christians entirely to abandon the institution”.

Rev. Loren W. Russ, pastor of the Bath 2d Church, was rebuked in 1847 for having joined the Odd Fellows, and counseled to withdraw. In 1848 Angelica Presbytery requested Bath Presbytery to proceed against Russ for having advocated secret societies within the bounds of Angelica Presbytery—especially in Almond where the session of the Presbyterian Church had taken strong grounds against secret societies. Rev. Joel Wakeman, D. D., represented Angelica Presbytery. Before Bath Presbytery preferred formal charges, Russ withdrew into the Protestant Episcopal Church, and his name was removed from the roll.

In the early years of presbytery especially much time was given to the consideration of discipline. Three members of Bath Presbytery were deposed from the ministry. One of these, Rev. Charles Yale, after ten years persistent petitioning, was restored. July 15, 1856, presbytery met at Prattsburg to consider charges impeaching the doctrinal soundness of Rev. Benjamin C. Smith, pastor of the Prattsburg Church, and stated clerk of presbytery. The accused minister asked permission to present his views to presbytery in a sermon. The permission was granted and he preached from Rom. 6:11. Those for and against him were heard and presbytery counseled moderation. After all was over Smith declared that his sermon was really Chalmers' 32d Lecture on Romans. Several thought this to be contempt of presbytery and Jan. 13, 1857, a committee was appointed to confer with Smith. Feb. 11, 1857, the committee reported to presbytery that Smith had nothing to say. Before presbytery adjourned a spicy letter from Smith to presbytery was read which occupies 18 pages in presbytery's minutes. June 30, 1857, four charges were preferred against Smith—slander, misrepresentation of presbytery's motives, deception in using Chalmer's Lecture as his own, and contumacy. Aug. 31, 1857, presbytery met for trial, but the case happily was settled—both presbytery and Smith confessing to needless mistrust and haste.

The first church of the Oregon Territory was associated by its founders with Bath Presbytery. During August, 1838, Rev. Henry H. Spalding and wife, with their little child, visited their nearest white neighbors, Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Whitman, 110 miles away. During that visit, Aug. 18, 1838, the first Presbyterian church of Oregon Territory was organized with 6 members. The following minute was entered in the record book kept by Spalding: “H. H.

Spalding was elected pastor and Doct. Marcus Whitman (a ruling elder from the Presbyterian church in Wheeler, N. Y.) ruling elder. *Resolved*, That this church be governed on the Congregational plan, but attached to the Bath Presbytery, N. Y., and adopt its form of confession and covenant as ours." No mention of this church has been found in the records of presbytery: Nor has it been discovered when, if at all, Spalding was dismissed from Bath Presbytery. One further extract from the minutes of this church will be of interest: "Whole No. received since 1836 into First P. Ch., Oregon, 961. I am to-day, Nov. 26, '73, 70 years." Spalding died Aug. 3, 1874.

The following is a list of stated clerks: Rev. James H. Hotchkin, Prattsburg, 1817-30; Rev. George R. Rudd, Prattsburg, 1830-36; Rev. B. Foster Pratt, Prattsburg, 1836-43; Rev. Robert E. Willson, Hammondsport, 1843-52; Rev. Benjamin C. Smith, Prattsburg, 1852-56; Rev. S. Mills Day, Hammondsport, 1856-57; Rev. Horatio Pattengill, D. D., Hornellsville, 1857; Rev. Edwin Benedict, Bath, 1857-58; and Rev. Stephen Vorhis, Hammondsport, 1858-62.

The following ministers were installed and released at the places and dates given: Hezekiah Woodruff, Elmira, Feb. 16, 1816 (Geneva Presbytery)—Jan. 26, 1820; JOSEPH CRAWFORD, Reading (Starkey) and WAYNE, Feb. 14, 1821—released at Reading Feb. 26, 1823, and at Wayne Apr. 29, 1829; CHARLES YALE, PULTENEY, Jan. 30, 1823—Aug. 31, 1825; Samuel White, Reading (Starkey), Sept. 28, 1825—Feb. 17, 1831; ROBERT HUBBARD, ANGELICA, Aug. 20, 1812 (Geneva Presbytery)—Oct. 4, 1826; Lyman Barrett, Naples, June 20, 1815 (Geneva Presbytery)—Oct. 4, 1826; MOSES HUNTER, ANGELICA, Nov. 14, 1827—Aug. 27, 1833 (Angelica Presbytery); John C. Morgan, Naples, Aug. 27, 1829—Jan. 25, 1831; JAMES H. HOTCHKIN, PRATTSBURG, Aug. 16, 1809 (Ontario Association)—Jan. 27, 1830; GEORGE R. RUDD, PRATTSBURG, Mar. 24, 1830—May 3, 1836; Eleazar Lathrop, Elmira, Oct. 19, 1830—Aug. 31, 1831; DAVID HIGGINS, BATH, July 1, 1813 (Geneva Presbytery)—June 21, 1831; ISAAC W. PLATT, BATH, Aug. 31, 1831—1844 (Steuben [Old School] Presbytery); M. L. Farnsworth, Elmira, Feb. 1, 1832—Oct. 30, 1834; B. Foster Pratt, Southport, Feb. 2, 1832—Apr. 15, 1834; Ethan Pratt, Horse Heads, Apr. 3, 1833—Nov. 4, 1835; JAMES H. HOTCHKIN, WHEELER, Sept. 17, 1833—Feb. 17, 1835; John Frost, Elmira, Nov. 4, 1835—Feb. 5, 1839 (Chemung Presbytery); David I. Perry, Big Flats, Feb. 2, 1836—Sept. 18, 1838 (Chemung Presbytery); John Gray, Catlin, Sept. 14, 1836—Feb. 5, 1839 (Chemung Presbytery); B. FOSTER PRATT, PRATTSBURG, Jan. 31, 1838—Aug. 31, 1841; ROBERT E. WILLSON, HAMMONDSPORT, Dec. 12, 1838—Nov. 11, 1851; JOHN



Rev. L. MERRILL MILLER, D. D., Bath.



Rev. HORATIO PATTENGILL, D. D., Hornellsville.



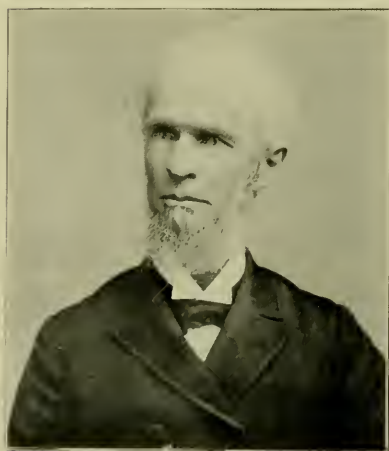
Rev. JOHN W. LANE, Centerville.



Rev. TYRELL BLAIR, Angelica.



Rev. GEORGE D. STEWART, D. D., Bath.



Rev. S. MILLS DAY, Hammondsport.

W. HOPKINS, HORNELLSVILLE, Nov. 13, 1839—Feb. 4, 1841 (died); ORIS FRASER, BATH 2d, Jan. 27, 1841—May. 16, 1843; George T. Everest, Naples, Sept. 13, 1842—Aug. 26, 1846; BENJAMIN C. SMITH, PRATTSBURG, Apr. 9, 1844—June 29, 1859; SAMUEL WHITE, PULTENEY, Apr. 10, 1844—Oct. 1, 1852; LOREN W. RUSS, BATH 2d, Nov. 11, 1845—May 16, 1848; GEORGE T. EVEREST, JASPER, Dec. 7, 1847—June 28, 1853; GEORGE HOOD, BATH 2d, Sept. 19, 1848—June 26, 1850; Benjamin Russell, Tyrone, Jan. 16, 1850—Aug. 23, 1854; HORATIO PATTENGILL, D. D., HORNELLSVILLE, Feb. 13, 1850—Sept. 1, 1857; S. MILLS DAY, HAMMONDSPORT, June 30, 1852—Mar. 31, 1857; GEORGE SPALDING, CANISTEO, Feb. 7, 1854—June 19, 1860; Benjamin F. Millard, Naples, Feb. 21, 1854—June 26, 1855; and DAVID D. GREGORY, PRATTSBURG, Oct. 26, 1859—June 13, 1865 (Steuben Presbytery).

The following churches belonged to Bath Presbytery for the years named: PRATTSBURG, 1817-62; BATH, 1817-37; PAINTED POST 1st (Corning), 1817-36; ALMOND, 1817-28; ANGELICA, 1817-28; Elmira, 1817-36; PULTENEY, 1817-62; Reading (Starkey) 1817-62; WAYNE, 1817-62; Reading and Catherine (Reading), 1819-46; Naples, 1817-62; Ossian, 1820-28; SOUTH DANSVILLE, 1820-60; HOWARD, 1820-62; COHOCTON, 1821-62; Elmira 2d (Southport), 1822-36; BLACK CREEK (Haight), 1822-28; Olean, 1822-28; Mead's Creek, 1824-36; WHEELER, 1825-62; Dansville, 1825-27; HOWARD 2d, 1826-40 (united with South Dansville); BENNETT'S CREEK, 1826-30 (divided into Greenwood and Jasper); ALLEN, 1826-28; Big Flats, 1828-36; GREENWOOD, 1830-36; JASPER, 1830-36, 1847-62; PAINTED POST 2d (Caton), 1830-36; Lawrenceville, 1830-36; Havana, 1830-36; Barrington, 1830-42; CAMPBELL, 1831-36; HAMMONDSPORT, 1832-62; HORNBY, 1832-36; KENNEDYVILLE (Kanona), 1832-62; WOODHULL, 1832-36; Wells, 1832-36; Horse Heads, 1832-36; Plainville, 1832-36; Mansfield, 1832-36; ADDISON, 1833-36; TROUPSBURG, 1833-36; HORNELLSVILLE, 1834-62; Catlin, 1834-36; ERWIN, 1834-36; Elkland, 1835-36; Tyrone, 1832-62; BATH 2d, 1838-62; Starkey 2d (Dundee), 1836-62; Starkey 3d (Rock Stream), 1833-62; CAMERON, 1843-51 (became Old School); WAYLAND, 1852-58; CANISTEO, 1853-62; and Eddytown, 1862.

Bath Presbytery belonged to Geneva Synod. Associated with it in Geneva Synod were the presbyteries of Geneva, Cayuga, Onondaga, Cortland, Chenango, Angelica (1828-34), Tioga, Delaware (1831-40), Ithaca, and Pennsylvania. Presbytery reported to General Assembly 1,094 communicants in 1830, 853 in 1840, 1,526 in 1850, and 1,305 in 1860.

THE MINISTERS OF BATH PRESBYTERY.

NOTE.—Capitals indicate the ministers and churches known to have been within the territory of present Steuben Presbytery; s—transferred by synod; l—by letter; o—ordination; os—Old School; p—pastor; ss—stated supply; t—teacher; fm—foreign missionary; e—erased from roll; sd—suspended and deposed; r—restored; hr—honorably retired; d—death. Small capitals in the body of the work (beginning at page 10) indicate the same as capitals in this list of ministers.

NAMES.	FIELD.	RECEIVED.	DISMISSED.
DAVID HIGGINS.	BATH. p	s Mar. 18, 1817	
	CORNING. ss		
	Big Flats. ss		l Aug. 29, 1837
JAMES H. HOTCHKIN.	PRATTSBURG. p	s Mar. 18, 1817	l Feb. 24, 1830
EBENEZER LAZEL.	PULTENEY. ss	s Mar. 18, 1817	l Sept. 1, 1819
ROBERT HUBBARD.	ALMOND & ANGELICA. p	s Mar. 18, 1817	s Oct. 7, 1828
Lyman Barrett.	Naples. p	s Mar. 18, 1817	
	KANONA. ss		l Aug. 28, 1838
Hezekiah Woodruff	Elmira. p	s Mar. 18, 1817	sd Feb. 28, 1822
CLEMENT HICKMAN.		s Mar. 18, 1817	d 1817
JOSEPH CRAWFORD.	WAYNE. p	o Feb. 14, 1821	l Jan. 28, 1835
Henry Ford.	Elmira. ss	l Jan. 30, 1822	l Aug. 31, 1830
CHARLES YALE.	PULTENEY. p	o Jan. 30, 1823	sd Feb. 1, 1826
STALHAM CLARY.	PULTENEY. ss	l Aug. 31, 1824	l Aug. 31, 1830
BERIAH HOTCHKIN.	PULTENEY. ss	l Nov. 16, 1824	1829
SAMUEL WHITE.	Reading. p	l Sept. 27, 1825	
	PULTENEY. p		s Sept. 30, 1862
Ebenezer Lazel.		l Aug. 30, 1826	1828
DAVID HARROWAR.	CORNING and Southport. ss	l Aug. 28, 1827	s Oct. 5, 1836
REUBEN HURD.	BLACK CREEK. ss	l Sept. 19, 1827	s Oct. 7, 1828
MOSES HUNTER.	ANGELICA. p	l Nov. 14, 1827	s Oct. 7, 1828
SILAS HUBBARD.	ANDOVER. ss	l Nov. 15, 1827	s Oct. 7, 1828
Eleazar Lathrop.	Elmira. p	l Jan. 29, 1828	d Feb. 1834
GEORGE HORNELL.		o Feb. 24, 1828	l Feb. 24, 1828
John C. Morgan.	Naples. p	o Aug. 27, 1829	l Aug. 31, 1831
Merit C. Harmon.	Big Flats. ss	l Jan. 26, 1830	l Jan. 28, 1835
GEORGE R. RUDD.	PRATTSBURG. p	l Mar. 23, 1830	l May 3, 1836
Linus W. Billington.	Big Flats. ss	o Feb. 24, 1830	
	Starkey. ss		l Jan. 28, 1834
BENJAMIN B. SMITH.	PULTENEY. ss	l June 21, 1831	l July 25, 1837
ISAAC W. PLATT.	BATH. p	l Aug. 31, 1831	os Jan. 30, 1837
Marshal L. Farnsworth.	Elmira. p	l Jan. 31, 1832	d 1838
B. FOSTER PRATT.	Southport. p	l Jan. 31, 1832	
	Starkey. ss		
	PRATTSBURG. p		l Aug. 29, 1843
Elijah D. Wells.		l Jan. 31, 1832	l Aug. 31, 1836
Charles Goodrich.		l Feb. 1, 1832	s Oct. 5, 1836
Ethan Pratt.		l Aug. 28, 1832	s Oct. 5, 1836
Asa Donaldson.	Horse Heads. p	l Aug. 28, 1832	s Oct. 5, 1836
Daniel Washburn.		o Aug. 29, 1832	os 1837
James Rowlett.	Tyrone. ss	o Aug. 29, 1832	l Aug. 29, 1833
JAMES H. HOTCHKIN.	WHEELER. p	l Aug. 27, 1833	
	PULTENEY. ss		
	CAMPBELL. ss		
	PRATTSBURG. hr		d 1851
OREN JOHNSON.	WOODHULL. ss	o Sept. 17, 1833	s Oct. 5, 1836
JEREMIAH POMEROY.	JASPER & WOODHULL. ss	l Jan. 28, 1834	
William Johnson.		l Jan. 28, 1834	l Jan. 28, 1835
JOHN BARTON.	CORNING. ss	l Jan. 28, 1834	
William M. Adams.		l Jan. 29, 1834	s Oct. 5, 1836
Edwin Bronson.		l Jan. 27, 1835	l Jan. 26, 1836
Samuel Schaffer.		l Jan. 27, 1835	l Aug. 27, 1835
John Gray.	Catlin. p	l Jan. 27, 1835	
	Southport. ss		s Oct. 5, 1836
John C. Morgan.		l Jan. 27, 1835	
Henry Boynton.		l Jan. 28, 1835	l Aug. 29, 1837
David I. Perry.	Big Flats. p	l Jan. 28, 1835	s Oct. 5, 1836
Egbert Roosa.		l Aug. 25, 1835	s Oct. 5, 1836
DANIEL B. BUTTS.	ADDISON. ss	l Aug. 27, 1835	s Oct. 5, 1836
HENRY H. SPALDING.	Oregon. fm	o Aug. 27, 1835	
John Frost.	Elmira. p	l Nov. 3, 1835	s Oct. 5, 1836
Elijah Buck.		l Jan. 26, 1836	s Oct. 5, 1836
Charles Yale		r Jan. 27, 1836	l Jan. 30, 1838
George E. Delevan.		l Aug. 30, 1836	l Jan. 20, 1838
SAMUEL T. BABBITT.	PULTENEY. ss	l Sept. 1, 1836	l Aug. 31, 1847
George Spalding.		l Oct. 5, 1836	l Apr. 3, 1838
EBENEZER EVERITT.	KANONA. ss	l Oct. 5, 1836	l Jan. 26, 1842
James Rowlett.	Tyrone. ss	l Jan. 30, 1838	s Sept. 30, 1862
Samuel Scott.		l Aug. 28, 1838	l Feb. 1, 1843
ROBERT E. WILLSON.	HAMMONDSPORT. p	o Dec. 12, 1838	l Nov. 11, 1851
David I. Perry.		l Jan. 29, 1839	l Aug. 31, 1841
JOHN W. HOPKINS.	HORNELLSSVILLE. p	o Nov. 13, 1839	d Feb. 9, 1841
GEORGE T. EVEREST.	Naples. p	o Jan. 27, 1841	
	JASPER. p		l June 29, 1853

NAMES.	FIELD.	RECEIVED.	DISMISSED.
ORIS FRASER.	BATH 2d. p	o Jan. 27, 1841	l Aug. 26, 1845
WILLIAM GOODELL.	HOWARD. ss	l Feb. 10, 1841	
JOHN SMITH	CORNING. ss	l Aug. 31, 1841	d June 17, 1860
Oren Johnson.		l Aug. 31, 1841	l Aug. 26, 1845
Aaron Judson.		l Sept. 1, 1841	l Jan. 30, 1844
A. K. Barr.		l Jan. 25, 1842	l Aug. 30, 1843
Isaac P. Striker.		o Feb. 2, 1843	l Apr. 8, 1848
JOHN G. L. HASKINS.	HOWARD. ss	l Aug. 29, 1843	sd Jan. 15, 1852
BENJAMIN C. SMITH.	PRATTSBURG. p	l Apr. 8, 1844	l June 29, 1859
Benjamin Russell.	Tyrone. p	l Jan. 28, 1845	l Jan. 25, 1847
LEVI ROSE.	HOWARD. ss	l Aug. 26, 1845	d 1852
LOREN W. RUSS.	BATH 2d. p	o Nov. 11, 1845	e Aug. 29, 1848
Foster Lilly.		l Aug. 25, 1846	l Feb. 4, 1851
FLAVEL S. GAYLORD.	PRATTSBURG. t	l Oct. 4, 1847	
	WHEELER. ss		d Feb. 8, 1860
Joseph Strough.		l Aug. 29, 1848	d 1854
Ethan Pratt.		l Aug. 29, 1848	l June 25, 1850
GEORGE HOOD.	BATH 2d. p	l Sept. 19, 1848	l June 25, 1850
Oris Fraser.		l Aug. 26, 1849	l Jan. 15, 1862
Benjamin Russell.		l Jan. 16, 1850	l Jan. 9, 1855
HOR. PATTENGILL, D. D.	HORNELLVILLE. p	l Feb. 13, 1850	l Jan. 14, 1862
EDWIN BENEDICT.	BATH 2d. ss	l June 28, 1852	l Oct. 29, 1858
S. MILLS DAY.	HAMMONDSPO. p	o June 30, 1852	l Mar. 13, 1857
Benjamin T. Millard.	Naples. p	l Jan. 11, 1853	l Jan. 12, 1858
David F. Judson.		o Jan. 12, 1853	s Sept. 30, 1862
GEORGE SPALDING.	CANISTEO. p	l Aug. 24, 1853	s Sept. 30, 1862
FRANCIS V. WARREN.	PULTENEY. ss	l June 26, 1855	l Jan. 10, 1860
Mills B. Gelston.	Naples. ss	l June 24, 1856	s Sept. 30, 1862
A. T. Wood.		l June 24, 1856	l June 23, 1858
WILLIAM R. DOWNS.	HOWARD. ss	l June 24, 1856	l Jan. 14, 1862
CHARLES T. WHITE.	South India. fm	o Oct. 1, 1856	s Sept. 30, 1862
STEPHEN VORHIS.	HAMMONDSPO. ss	l June 23, 1858	s Sept. 30, 1862
GEORGE VAN DEURS.	JASPER. ss	o June 23, 1858	l June 23, 1858
Jeremiah Woodruff.		l Feb. 1, 1859	l Sept. 28, 1860
SAMUEL A. RAWSON.	WOODHULL. ss	l Feb. 1, 1859	s Sept. 30, 1862
L. McGlashan.		l June 28, 1859	l June 19, 1860
Henry G. Miles.		l June 28, 1859	d 1860
DAVID D. GREGORY.	PRATTSBURG. p	l Oct. 26, 1859	s Sept. 80, 1862
FREDERICK GRAVES.	HOWARD. ss	l Jan. 10, 1860	l Jan. 14, 1862
SUFFRENOS OTTMAN.	PULTENEY. ss	l June 18, 1861	s Sept. 30, 1862
LEWIS F. LAINE.	CANISTEO. ss	l June 17, 1862	s Sept. 30, 1862

ANGELICA PRESBYTERY (1828-1859).

The Synod of Geneva at Syracuse Oct. 7, 1828, granted an overture from the Presbytery of Bath asking "that the Rev. Messrs. R. Hubbard, S. Hubbard, M. Hunter, and R. Hurd, and the churches of Ossian, Almond, Andover, Angelica, Allen, Black Creek, and Olean be constituted a presbytery to be called the PRESBYTERY OF ANGELICA; and that the other ministers and churches of the Presbytery of Bath be and remain the Presbytery of Bath; the dividing line between the counties of Steuben and Allegany to be the dividing line between the said presbyteries". The first meeting was held by direction of synod at Angelica Nov. 28, 1828, Rev. Moses Hunter, the moderator designated by synod, asking Rev. Robert Hubbard to preach the sermon. All the ministers were present—Moses Hunter, Angelica; Robert Hubbard, Almond; Silas Hubbard, Andover; and Reuben Hurd, Black Creek. The elders present were: Samuel Carr, Almond; Hiram Harman, Andover; Silas F. Littlejohn, Allen; John G. McKeen, Black Creek; and Vial Thomas, Angelica.

The following churches were enrolled in Angelica Presbytery for the periods given: *ALMOND, ANDOVER, ANGELICA, Ossian, and

*Small capitals indicate the ministers and churches known to have been within the limits of the present Steuben Presbytery.

Olean, 1828-59; ALLEN, 1828-50; BLACK CREEK, 1828-37; Portage, 1829 —; Portageville, 1829-43 (became Old School); CUBA, 1829-59; CENTERVILLE, 1829-59; Pike, 1829-45; BELFAST, 1830-56; Ellicottville, 1830-59; Franklinville, 1830-38 (set off to Buffalo Presbytery); Farmersville, 1830-44 (united with Franklinville); Great Valley (after 1834 called Burton), 1830-43 (united with Olean); BELMONT (called also Philipsville, Philipsburg, and Amity) 1832-59; HAIGHT (formed in 1828 by a division of the Black Creek Church), 1832-37; Nunda, 1832-44 (set off to Ontario Presbytery); BURNS, 1833-59; INDEPENDENCE, 1833-59; HUME, 1834-59; FRIENDSHIP, 1835-53; GROVE, 1836-45; NEW HUDSON (formed by the union of the Black Creek and Haight churches), 1837-55 (about); RUSHFORD, 1838-55; Dansville 2d, 1840-55 (set off to Ontario Presbytery); WELLSVILLE, 1841-56; Eagle, 1842-56; CANEADEA, 1846-54; BLACK CREEK (Congregational), 1851-56; and ARKPORT, 1852-59.

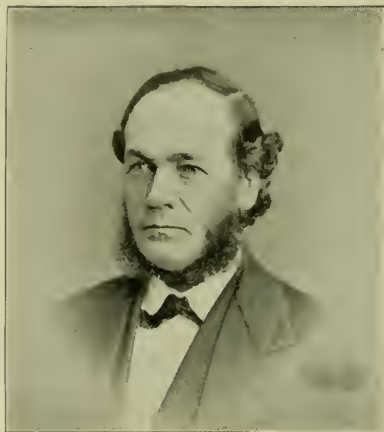
The stated clerks were as follows: Rev. Moses Hunter, Angelica, 1828-39; Rev. Asa S. Allen, Cuba, 1839-46; Rev. Joel Wakeman, D. D., Almond, 1846-52; and Rev. Samuel A. Rawson, Burns, 1852-56. From 1828 to 1834 Angelica Presbytery was a part of Geneva Synod. Associated with it in Geneva Synod were the presbyteries of Geneva, organized in 1805, Cayuga 1810, Onondaga 1810, Bath 1817, Cortland 1825, Chenango 1826, Tioga 1829, and Delaware 1831. General Assembly in 1834, upon its own request, and with the consent of Geneva Synod, annexed it to the Synod of Genesee. Associated with it in Genesee Synod were the presbyteries of Niagara, organized in 1817, Ontario 1817, Rochester 1819, Genesee 1819, and Buffalo 1823.

In 1829 Angelica Presbytery reported to General Assembly 469 communicants, in 1840 1,500, and in 1850 1,700. The strength relatively of the churches Feb. 28, 1843, may be estimated from the apportionment of \$45 as follows: \$5, Dansville 2d, Nunda and Almond; \$3, Friendship, Cuba, Hume, Burns, and Angelica; \$2, Ossian, Eagle, Centerville, Rushford, and Portage; \$1, New Hudson, Andover, and Amity.

The following ministers were installed and released at the places and dates named: ROBERT HUBBARD, ALMOND, Aug. 20, 1812 (Geneva Presbytery)—Feb. 25, 1829; Phineas Smith, Portage, Mar. 5, 1829—Feb. 23, 1830; MOSES HUNTER, ANGELICA, Nov. 14, 1827 (Bath Presbytery)—Aug. 27, 1833; MOSES HUNTER, ALMOND, Sept. 18, 1833—Feb. 27, 1839; Asa Johnson, Nunda, Feb. 25, 1834—Sept. 14, 1837; LEVERETT HULL, ANGELICA, Sept. 30, 1835—Aug. 30, 1837; Ashbel Otis, Ossian, Sept. 13, 1837—Feb.



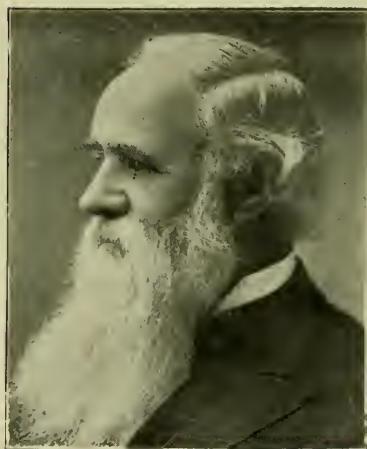
Rev. HENRY E. NILES, D. D., Angelica.



Rev. WILLIAM E. JONES, D. D., Bath.



Rev. ELIJAH W. STODDARD, D. D., Angelica.



Rev. MILTON WALDO, D. D., Hornellsville.



Rev. LEWIS F. LAINE, Canisteo.



Rev. [CORLISS B. GARDNER, D. D., Cuba.

27, 1839; BENJAMIN RUSSELL, BURNS, Sept. 14, 1834—Aug. 28, 1839; Wales Tleson, Nunda, Apr. 18, 1838—May 13, 1840; Lemuel Leonard, Portageville, Nov. 1, 1839— —; SAMUEL SESSIONS, ALLEN, Feb. 26, 1840—July 13, 1841; CHARLES CROCKER, FRIENDSHIP, Feb. 9, 1842—Oct. 11, 1847; D. N. Merritt, Dansville 2d, July 11, 1843—Apr. 30, 1844; W. F. Curry, Dansville 2d, June 25, 1845—May 1, 1849; JOEL WAKEMAN, D. D., ALMOND, Jan. 14, 1846—Aug. 16, 1865 (Genesee Valley Presbytery); JOHN VAN-ANTWERP, HUME, Sept. 9, 1847—Jan. 11, 1853; Charles L. Hequembourg, Dansville 2d, Jan. 9, 1850—Jan. 12, 1853; JEFFERSON WYNKOOP, CUBA, Jan. 29, 1850—Jan. 12, 1853; TYRELL BLAIR, ANGELICA, June 25, 1851—Apr. 12, 1855 (died); SAMUEL A. RAWSON, BURNS, Dec. 10, 1851—July 10, 1856; and NATHAN ALLEN, CUBA, Jan. 14, 1854—July 19, 1859 (Genesee Valley Presbytery).

Angelica Presbytery became unanimously "New School". In Angelica Aug. 9, 1837, presbytery adopted the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, it appears from the report of our commissioner to General Assembly, and from the minutes of that body, that we as well as other portions of the Church have been cut off from the communion of that body and our commissioner excluded, by a simple vote, without trial or alleged crime; therefore,

"*Resolved*—1. We regard this act as unprecedented in ecclesiastical history—altogether unconstitutional, and therefore null and void.

* * * 3. We cannot in conscience feel the least straightened by this stretch of power, but shall appoint our commissioners as usual, and if any arrogance shall exclude them, we shall direct them to retire and constitute the real General Assembly and proceed as if nothing had happened. * * * 4. That we appoint seven commissioners to the Convention appointed to meet at Auburn the 17th inst., to express and maintain these views in that body". * * *

The commissioners were Rev. Moses Hunter, Rev. Leverett Hull, Rev. Samuel W. May, Rev. Asa Johnson, R. Barnes, Thompson Bell, and J. G. Prentiss.

The Book of Discipline must have been very familiar to ministers and elders. Many special meetings, and many hours at almost every meeting, were given to the consideration of charges, complaints, and appeals. Three members were deposed from the ministry. The case of Augustus Littlejohn was under consideration constantly for ten years. Rev. William Waith, Ph. D., in his "Recollections of An Emigrant's Family", thus describes him: "He was a common laborer, but was endowed with a natural eloquence which gave him the complete mastery over any group that he addressed. He would collect a gang of his fellow workmen and preach a funeral sermon over a dead horse, or dog, that would fill the eyes of his hearers with tears. This man professed conversion

to Christianity, and began holding forth in school houses, or in churches to which pastors would admit him, and hearts were melted, and knees were bent in penitence, to such an extent that people thought this man 'the great power of God'. He offered himself as a candidate for the ministry; but the older heads of the presbytery, like Abiel Parmelee and Silas Hubbard, were unyielding in their opposition to his licensure. Littlejohn, however, went right on with his fervent appeals, and converts were multiplied within the parishes of the very pastors that opposed him. * * * The pressure upon the presbytery became so strong that any longer to refuse licensure appeared like fighting against God". In 1830 he was licensed. In 1833 a day was set for his ordination as an evangelist. When the day came there were charges against him of doctrinal unsoundness and imprudent conduct, and his ordination was postponed. A month later Geneva Synod criticised the method of his licensure and directed presbytery to re-examine him. Instead of re-examining him for licensure presbytery ordained him. This action Genesee Synod censured. Difficulties arose later between Littlejohn and his wife, but presbytery exonerated him from blame and highly commended his work as an evangelist. In 1839 there were charges against his character. Presbytery appointed a committee to investigate, but in 1840, before that committee reported, made him moderator. About the same time presbytery refused a request of Ontario Presbytery to investigate charges against Littlejohn—not even recording the charges on the minutes. The Synod of Genesee censured presbytery very sharply for making him moderator while charges were pending against him, and for passing over the request of Ontario Presbytery. After a good many other actions, in 1841 he was cited to answer definite charges of grossly immoral conduct. There was an exhaustive trial at Almond in March, 1841. At last presbytery saw him as he was, and unanimously deposed him from the ministry and excommunicated him from the church.

This presbytery seems to have gone about its work with a blunt directness which sometimes disregarded set presbyterial regulations. A good many exceptions are recorded by synod on the pages of presbytery's records. Some of these presbytery calmly disregarded—coming at last to feel that the Synod of Genesee was prejudiced against it. The last straw, however, was the refusal of Ontario Presbytery in 1847 to receive a minister regularly dismissed.

None of the presbyteries with which our Steuben and Allegany churches have been connected has taken such radical action for moral reform. There are many resolutions upon temperance. The first, Sept. 2, 1830, required of new church members a "pledge of

entire abstinence from ardent spirits". In 1835 presbytery advised elders nominated for an office requiring them to issue licenses to sell liquor to refuse such office. In 1839 vigorous efforts were recommended toward influencing the Legislature to suppress entirely the liquor traffic. In 1841 presbytery resolved "that the granting of licenses to traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage is a gross violation of the great law of temperance and should be considered by our churches as a disciplinable offense".

The interest of presbytery in the abolition of slavery was constant. Many pages of resolutions were recorded from 1835 to 1852—some of them very radical. It is enough perhaps to give the resolution presented by the Rev. Dr. Joel Wakeman, and adopted by presbytery Jan. 10, 1849:

"WHEREAS, there are presbyteries and churches connected with General Assembly that refuse to discipline their members for the sin of slavery; and,

"WHEREAS, by sending delegates there after the flood of light that has been thrown on this subject we must unavoidably countenance and fellowship this sin; therefore,

"*Resolved*, that if at the next meeting of that body they do not take some efficient action on that subject we shall feel ourselves bound to withhold all correspondence and fellowship from them in the future".

From 1850 presbytery meetings became very small. Some of the Congregational ministers and churches withdrew. The last meeting, held at Scio June 10, 1856, was marked by unusual proceedings. There were six present: Rev. Nathaniel Hammond; Rev. Samuel A. Rawson, Burns; Rev. Joel Wakeman, D. D., Almond; Rev. Nathan Allen, Cuba; Kendal Wilder, Cuba; and Mansur Dyer, Andover. The presbytery voted letters of dismission to all the ministers. Genesee Synod ruled that insomuch as a presbytery is unable constitutionally to transact business when only two ministerial members are present, the last two dismissed, Revs. Rawson and Allen, were still members of Angelica Presbytery. The efforts of synod to resuscitate presbytery were a failure, but technically the Presbytery of Angelica existed until the Presbytery of Genesee Valley was organized from the same territory in 1859.

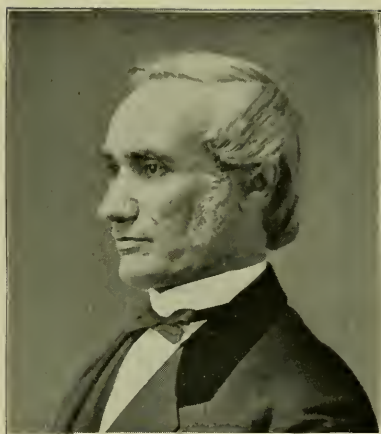
THE MINISTERS OF ANGELICA PRESBYTERY.

NOTE.—Capitals indicate the ministers and churches known to have been within the territory of present Steuben Presbytery; s—transferred by synod; l—by letter; o—ordination; d—death; p—pastor; s s—stated supply; sd—suspended and deposed.

NAMES.	FIELD.	RECEIVED.	DISMISSED.
ROBERT HUBBARD.	ALMOND. p	s Oct. 7, 1828	Feb. 28, 1832
SILAS HUBBARD.	ANDOVER. ss	s Oct. 7, 1828	Oct. 14, 1840
REUBEN HURD.	HAIGHT. ss	s Oct. 7, 1828	Feb. 27, 1839
MOSES HUNTER.	ANGELICA. p	s Oct. 7, 1828	
JABEZ SPICER, M. D.	ANDOVER. ss	l Feb. 24, 1829	May 3, 1837
Phineas Smith.		o Mar. 5, 1829	Feb. 28, 1832
JAMES CAHOON.	ALMOND. ss	o May 19, 1830	Feb. 28, 1832
Abel Caldwell.	Portage. ss	l Aug. 31, 1830	Feb. 23, 1836
John T. Baldwin.	Franklinville. ss	l Aug. 30, 1831	Aug. 30, 1837
William P. Kendrick.		l Aug. 27, 1833	
Robert H. Conklin.		l Aug. 27, 1833	Nov. 5, 1833
Asa Johnson.	Nunda. p	l Feb. 25, 1834	Sept. 14, 1837
SAMUEL W. MAY.	ANGELICA, BELMONT. ss	l Feb. 25, 1834	
Augustus Littlejohn.		o Apr. 16, 1834	May 18, 1841
LEVERETT HULL.	ANGELICA. p	l Sept. 29, 1835	Aug. 28, 1838
William Bridgman.		l Feb. 24, 1836	Aug. 30, 1836
John F. Bliss.		l Aug. 30, 1836	Aug. —, 1838
Lemuel Hall.		l Oct. 13, 1836	July 14, 1840
ASA S. ALLEN.	ANDOVER. ss	o Aug. 9, 1837	
Ashebl Otis.	CUBA. p	o Sept. 13, 1837	Aug. —, 1846
BENJAMIN RUSSELL.	BURNS. p	o Sept. 14, 1837	July 10, 1843
	ANDOVER. ss		
Wales Tilesen.	Nunda. p	o Feb. 28, 1838	July 10, 1844
ABEL CALDWELL.	NEW HUDSON. ss	l Oct. 10, 1838	July 15, 1842
Abiel Parmelee.		l Dec. 25, 1838	Jan. 12, 1843
Eli Hyde.		l Dec. 25, 1838	July 9, 1844
Calvin Gray.		l Feb. 26, 1839	Oct. 14, 1840
SAMUEL SESSIONS.	ALLEN. p	l Aug. 27, 1839	Feb. 26, 1840
	CANEADEA. ss		
Leonard Rogers.		l Aug. 28, 1839	July 9, 1844
Abram C. Dubois.		l Oct. 29, 1839	Jan. 27, 1841
Lemuel Leonard.		o Nov. 1, 1839	Oct. 9, 1844
Robert H. Conklin.		l July 14, 1840	Jan. 11, 1843
HIRAM GREGG.	HUME. ss	l July 15, 1840	Oct. 9, 1844
CHARLES CROCKER.	FRIENDSHIP. p	o Feb. 9, 1842	July 9, 1844
LEVERETT HULL.	ANGELICA. ss	l Oct. 15, 1842	Oct. 11, 1847
Edward Reynolds.		l Feb. 28, 1843	Aug. 27, 1844
ROYAL TWITCHEL.	CANEADEA. ss	o Feb. 29, 1843	
D. N. Merritt.	Dansville 2d. p	l July 10, 1843	Jan. 11, 1853
Henry Snyder.		l Apr. 30, 1844	Oct. 9, 1844
William Bridgman.		l Aug. 27, 1844	Jan. 12, 1855
H. B. Taylor.		l June 24, 1845	Jan. 8, 1850
W. F. Curry.	Dansville 2d. p	l June 24, 1845	Aug. 18, 1846
JAMES CONLEY.	ANDOVER. ss	l Jan. 13, 1846	Sept. 10, 1850
JOEL WAKEMAN.	ALMOND. p	o Jan. 14, 1846	Jan. 13, 1855
HORACE FRASER.	ANGELICA. p	l July 14, 1846	Jan. 10, 1856
SAMUEL A. RAWSON.	ANDOVER. ss	l July 13, 1847	July 10, 1849
	BURNS. p		
JOHN VAN ANTWERP	HUME. p	o Sept. 9, 1847	July 10, 1856
NATHAN LEIGHTON.	CUBA. ss	l Oct. 11, 1847	June 13, 1854
Nathaniel Hammond.		l Jan. 11, 1848	Jan. 8, 1850
Joshua Lane.		l Jan. 10, 1849	July 10, 1856
John W. Lane.		o June 26, 1849	June —, 1850
Chas. L. Hequembourg.	Dansville 2d. p	l Jan. 8, 1850	Sept. 10, 1850
JEFFERSON WYNKOOP.	CUBA. p	l Jan. 29, 1850	July 19, 1853
Daniel Russell.		o Sept. 25, 1850	June 12, 1854
Charles Kenmore.		l June 24, 1851	Jan. 10, 1854
TYRELL BLAIR.	ANGELICA. p	l June 24, 1851	Apr. 12, 1855
BENJAMIN WELLES.	ARKPORT. ss	l June 8, 1852	June 13, 1854
Wm. L. Andrews.		o June 21, 1853	Aug. 14, 1855
NATHAN ALLEN.	CUBA. p	o Jan. 14, 1854	July 10, 1856
FOSTER LILLY.	ANDOVER. ss	l June 12, 1855	— — 1856



Rev. ISAAC G. OGDEN, Almond.



Rev. JOHN REID, Angelica.



Rev. SAMUEL W. PRATT, Campbell.



Rev. DWIGHT K. STEELE, Almond.



Rev. M. L. P. HILL, D. D., Corning.



Rev. BYRON BOSWORTH, Hammondsport.

CHEMUNG PRESBYTERY (1836-1862).

For 26 years the South Steuben churches of Steuben Presbytery belonged to Chemung Presbytery. This presbytery was set off from the Presbytery of Bath by the Synod of Geneva, at a meeting in Penn Yan Oct. 5, 1836, the following resolution being adopted:

“*Resolved*, that all that part of the Presbytery of Bath which lies north of a line formed by the south line of Hornellsville, Howard, Bath, Tyrone, and Reading, remain the Presbytery of Bath; and that all the remaining part of the presbytery be constituted a new presbytery, to be named the PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG”.

The territory within Chemung Presbytery was that now within South Steuben, Schuyler, and Chemung counties in New York, and Tioga and Bradford counties in Pennsylvania. There were 17 ministers and 20 churches at the beginning. The first meeting was at Big Flats Dec. 27, 1836. All the ministers were present except three. The following elders were enrolled: Nathan Reynolds, Big Flats; *GEORGE TEEPLE, CAMPBELL; William Wells, Southport; FRANCIS NORTHWAY, HORNBY; Nehemiah Denton, Havana; JOHN SAMPLE, PAINTED POST (Corning); Hector Sayre, Horse Heads; JOEL D. GILLET, ADDISON; Wm. Braisted, Wells; and Wm. Porter, Catlin. The first annual report gave the membership of Elmira as 256, Big Flats 75, Mead's Creek 68, Havana 48, Columbia 33, Wells 17, ERWIN 28, PAINTED POST (Corning) 111, CAMPBELL 47, Southport 129, ADDISON 20, and Elkland 77.

The first change in the bounds of presbytery is explained by the following extract from the minutes of Geneva Synod, recorded at Ithaca Oct. 3, 1844:

“A new presbytery [was] formed to consist of the following ministers and churches, viz.: Henry Ford, Elijah D. Wells, Octavius Fitch, Samuel J. McCullough, and Samuel Porter; and the churches of Wells, Wells and Columbia, Sullivan and Richmond, Covington, Wellsborough, Farmington, Elkland, Beecher's Island, and Lawrenceville, and bounded as follows: north by the New York State line***to be known by the name of the Presbytery of Pennsylvania”.

This took out of Chemung Presbytery all of the Pennsylvania churches and ministers, with the exception of the church of Athens.

The next change in the bounds of presbytery was that brought about by the action of the Synod of Geneva at Elmira Sept. 30, 1862, in the adoption of the recommendations “that all the churches included in the county of Steuben and now belonging to the Presbytery of Chemung, be transferred to the Presbytery of Bath; and that the Presbytery of Bath hereafter be called the Presbytery of Steuben.” This action took out of Chemung Presbytery the churches of Corning, Campbell, Hornby, Addison, Woodhull, Painted Post 2d (Caton), and Painted Post (Village).

*Small capitals indicate the ministers and churches known to have been within the limits of the present Steuben Presbytery.

During these 26 years of Chemung Presbytery the following churches were enrolled: 1. *Those set off from Bath Presbytery*: Big Flats, 1836-62; CAMPBELL, 1836-62 (Steuben Presbytery); Southport, 1836-62; HORNBY, 1836-62 (Steuben Presbytery); Havana, 1836-62; CORNING (Painted Post 1st), 1836-62 (Steuben Presbytery); Horse Heads, 1836-62; ADDISON, 1836-62 (Steuben Presbytery); Wells 2d, 1836-44 (Pennsylvania Presbytery); Catlin, 1836-62; Mansfield, 1836-41; Lawrenceville, 1836-44 (Pennsylvania Presbytery); JASPER, 1836-47 (Bath Presbytery); Elmira 1st, 1836-62; GREENWOOD, 1836-50 (extinct); TROUPSBURG, 1836-46 (extinct); PAINTED POST 2d (Caton), 1836-62 (Steuben Presbytery); WOODHULL, 1836-62 (Steuben Presbytery); ERWIN, 1836-43 (extinct); and Elkland, 1836-44 (Pennsylvania Presbytery). 2. *Those enrolled by organization, etc.*: Millsport, 1837-62; Mead's Creek (Monterey), 1836-62; Wells and Columbia, 1837-44 (Pennsylvania Presbytery); Richmond, 1839-44; Chemung, 1840-54 (absorbed by Southport 2d); Athens, 1840-62; CAMERON, 1841-3 (Bath Presbytery); PAINTED POST (village), 1841-62 (Steuben Presbytery); Covington, 1842-4 (Pennsylvania Presbytery); Sullivan (set off from Richmond), 1842-4; Wellsborough, 1843-4 (Pennsylvania Presbytery); Richmond and Sullivan (reunited), 1844-4 (Pennsylvania Presbytery); Beecher's Island, 1844-4 (Pennsylvania Presbytery); Farmington, 1844-4 (Pennsylvania Presbytery); THURSTON, 1845-50 (extinct); PAINTED POST 1st (organized from Corning), 1846-9 (reunited to Corning); Post Creek, 1846-51 (extinct); Watkins (Reading) (set off from Bath Presbytery) 1849-62; Factoryville, 1847- ; Jefferson, 1849- ; Waverly, 1853-62; Southport 2d, 1854-9 (extinct); Pine Grove, 1858-62; Burdett, 1858-62; and Elmira 2d (organized from Elmira 1st), 1861-2.

The comparative strength of some of these churches may be estimated from apportionments recorded in the minutes of presbytery. In 1839 the assessment of \$84 for the commissioners' and the contingent fund was as follows: Elmira, \$20; Southport, \$5; Horse Heads, Havana, Big Flats, PAINTED POST 1st (Corning), ADDISON, Millsport, Lawrenceville, and CAMPBELL, \$4 each; Catlin, Elkland, HORNBY, JASPER, and Mead's Creek, \$3 each; ERWIN, WOODHULL, Columbia and Wells, and PAINTED POST 2d (Caton), \$2 each; Mansfield, GREENWOOD, Wells, and TROUPSBURG, \$1 each.

The stated clerks of Chemung Presbytery have been: Rev. John Smith, Corning, 1836-40; Rev. Elijah D. Wells, Campbell, 1840-2; Rev. Philemon H. Fowler, D. D., Elmira, 1842-6; Rev. B. Foster Pratt, Painted Post, 1846-8; Rev. B. M. Goldsmith, Southport, 1848-50; and Rev. Charles C. Carr, Horse Heads, from 1850 to the present time.

None of the presbyteries to which the existing Steuben Presbytery churches have belonged has so high a record for installed pastors as Chemung Presbytery during this period. In 1840 presbytery recorded strong resolutions on the subject, and sent a pastoral letter on the subject to every church and minister in presbytery. The following ministers were installed and released at the places and on the dates named: George Spalding, Southport, Jan. 11, 1837—Oct. 5, 1842; Oren Catlin, Horse Heads, Feb. 7, 1838—Feb. 2, 1841; David I. Perry, Big Flats, Feb. 2, 1836 (Bath Presbytery)—Sept. 18, 1838; John Frost, Elmira, Nov. 4, 1835 (Bath Presbytery)—Feb. 5, 1839; John Gray, Catlin, Sept. 14, 1836 (Bath Presbytery)—Feb. 5, 1839; Philemon H. Fowler, Elmira, Dec. 4, 1839—Dec. 16, 1850; LEWIS HAMILTON, ADDISON, July 2, 1840—Mar. 16, 1842; SAMUEL M. HOPKINS, CORNING, Sept. 23, 1840—Sept. 8, 1842; Curtis Thurston, Athens, Feb. 24, 1841—Feb. 2, 1848; Joseph Underwood, Millport, Mar. 3, 1841—Dec. 12, 1843; SAMUEL S. HOWE, PAINTED POST, May 6, 1841—Dec. 20, 1842; Charles C. Carr, Horse Heads, June 30, 1841—Feb. 5, 1856; Henry Clark, Havana, Nov. 9, 1841—Sept. 6, 1842; Morrison Huggins, Havana, June 13, 1843—June 25, 1856; B. FOSTER PRATT, PAINTED POST, Dec. 13, 1843—Feb. 7, 1849; Benj. M. Goldsmith, Southport and Chemung, Feb. 25, 1845—Aug. 29, 1849 (Chemung), and Jan. 15, 1850 (Southport); LEWIS HAMILTON, CAMPBELL, Feb. 12, 1846—Apr. 3, 1849; JOSHUA B. GRAVES, CORNING, Feb. 12, 1846—Sept. 7, 1847; F. W. Graves, Elmira, Congregational (not under care of presbytery), Feb. 19, 1846— —; ANSON H. PARMELEE, ADDISON, Oct. 21, 1846—Sept. 26, 1855; HORATIO PATTENGILL, D. D., PAINTED POST 1st (Corning 2d), Dec. 1, 1846—Apr. 2, 1849; Sylvester B. Shearer, Reading (Watkins), Sept. 29, 1847—Sept. 26, 1855; ASAHEL L. BROOKS, CORNING, July 2, 1849—Feb. 3, 1851; Isaac N. Hurd, Big Flats, Jan. 16, 1850—July 1, 1851; David Murdock, D. D., Elmira, Oct. 1, 1851—Dec. 1, 1860; ROBERT E. WILLSON, CORNING, Feb. 18, 1852—Sept. 26, 1855; DARWIN CHICHESTER, CORNING, July 15, 1856—July 1, 1859; CHARLES C. CARR, PAINTED POST, Mar. 3, 1857—Aug. 2, 1859; Benjamin Russell, Watkins, Mar. 12, 1857—June 30, 1858; Oliver Crane, Waverly, July 15, 1857—Mar. 31, 1860; S. Mills Day, Havana, Oct. 15, 1857—July 1, 1861; N. E. Pierson, Horse Heads, Dec. 16, 1857—Jan. 28, 1862; DAVID F. JUDSON, ADDISON, June 15, 1859—Apr. 1, 1863; Charles C. Carr, Burdett, Sept. 29, 1859—Mar. 16, 1863; F. S. Howe, Watkins, Feb. 9, 1860— —; David F. Johnson, Waverly, Aug. 15, 1860—Jan. 29, 1867; George C. Curtis, Elmira 1st, Apr. 17, 1861— —; Isaac Clark, Elmira 2d, Nov. 12, 1861— —.

The record of Chemung Presbytery on questions of public importance is an honorable one. In 1837 very strong action was recorded on the importance of keeping the Sabbath. The following are two of the resolutions:

“1st. That we regard the running of stages, the opening and changing of the mail, and the giving out of letters and newspapers at the postoffice on the Sabbath, as an infraction of the Sabbatical law.

“2d. That whenever persons run their boats, or in any other way do business upon the canal on the Sabbath; whenever they load arks or prepare rafts upon the Sabbath to float down our rivers; when they set out or continue on their journeys on the Sabbath, for the purpose of gain, or convenience, or that they may sooner enjoy the society of their friends; or whenever they invest their capital in any business that is carried on upon the Sabbath—in such and every such instance they disregard the authority of God, trample upon His laws, and profane the day of sacred rest.”

Between 1836 and 1854 there were recorded no less than 12 strong series of resolutions against “the sin of American slavery”.

Chemung does not seem to have sent delegates to the Auburn Conference of 1837, but that it stood with Bath and Angelica Presbyteries in condemnation of the excising acts of the General Assembly is evident by an extract from the minutes recorded at Corning Sept. 6, 1837:

“*Resolved*, 1st. That, in the opinion of this presbytery, the General Assembly, in declaring the above synods (Utica, Geneva, Genesee, and Western Reserve) non-constitutional portions of the Presbyterian Church, and excluding the commissioners of the presbyteries embraced in these bodies from their seats, transcended the powers delegated by the presbyteries, and therefore that such acts are null and void. * * * 4. That we highly approve the firmness and Christian spirit manifested by our commissioners, and their associates in the minority, in resisting these unconstitutional proceedings, and entering their formal protest against them. * * * 5. That we approve of the resolution of the late Convention at Auburn, recommending the churches to continue their present organization and to send up their delegates to the next General Assembly to take their seats as heretofore”. * * *

Only one minister, Rev. David Harrowar, and no church, withdrew into the Old School branch of the Presbyterian Church.

By a vote of 11 to 6 presbytery in 1838 condemned as error the denial of “the native depravity of our race”, the teaching that “sin is necessary to a moral government”, and the position that “self love is the first affection of the soul” “in the beginning of obedience to God”. At the same meeting the following doctrines were condemned as dangerous errors: “that the sin of Adam is imputed to his posterity by a literal transfer, so that Adam’s sin



Rev. JOHN WAUGH, Cohocton.



Rev. DANIEL J. ROBERTSON, Canisteo.



Rev. LAWRENCE M. STEVENS, Prattsburg.



Rev. GILBERT REID, Angelica.



Rev. DAVID McLEOD, Angelica.



Rev. JOHN S. BACON, Corning.

becomes personally our sin"; "that the atonement of Christ was made only for the elect"; "that God does not sincerely invite all to partake of the benefits of the atonement"; "that sinners have no ability of any kind to obey God"; "that God does not command them to repent"; and "that circumstances may justify the voluntary doing of that which is in itself morally wrong".

The following action was taken in 1841: "*Resolved*, That it be a standing rule hereafter in choosing a moderator, for the members to nominate, the persons nominated to vote by ballot and retire, and the election to be made by calling the roll". Chemung Presbytery met one morning at 5:30. The most important of the many judicial trials was that in 1842 concerning troubles in the Catlin Church. It extended over three weeks. There were charges against Rev. John Gray, against Rev. P. L. de St. Croix, Gray's successor in Catlin, against an elder, and against the Catlin session. Gray was suspended from the ministry; St. Croix was censured in open presbytery; the elder was suspended from his office and from church communion; and the session was exonerated. Gray was later restored. St. Croix some years later for another offense was suspended from the ministry but upon penitent confession was a little later restored. Two were deposed from the ministry. The number of communicants reported to General Assembly in 1840 was 760, in 1850 1,407, and in 1860 1,879.

Chemung Presbytery was a part of Geneva Synod. The presbyteries associated with Chemung in Geneva Synod were: Geneva, organized in 1805, Cayuga 1810, Onondaga 1810, Bath 1817, Cortland 1825, Chenango 1826, Tioga 1829, Delaware 1831 (in 1840 transferred to Synod of Albany), Ithaca 1839, and Pennsylvania 1844.

THE MINISTERS OF CHEMUNG PRESBYTERY FROM 1836 TO 1862.

NOTE.—Capitals indicate the ministers and churches known to have been within the territory of present Steuben Presbytery; s—transferred by synod; l—by letter; o—ordination; wc—without charge; s s—stated supply; p—pastor; os—Old School; d—death; s d—suspended and deposed.

NAMES.	FIELD.	RECEIVED.	DISMISSED.
David Harrowar.		s Oct. 5, 1836 os	—, 1838
Charles Goodrich.	Havana wc	s Oct. 5, 1836 l	Aug. 23, 1854
Asa Donalson.		s Oct. 5, 1836 l	Sept. 3, 1839
William M. Adams.	Horse Heads. ss	s Oct. 5, 1836 l	Sept. 5, 1838
John Frost.	Elmira p	s Oct. 5, 1836 l	Oct. 7, 1840
George Spalding.	Southport. p	s Oct. 5, 1836 l	Oct. 5, 1842
DANIEL B. BUTTS.	ADDISON. ss	s Oct. 5, 1836 l	Sept. 3, 1839
Elijah Buck.		s Oct. 5, 1836 l	Sept. 5, 1837
John Gray.	Catlin. p	s Oct. 5, 1836	
	Mead's Creek. ss		
	Moreland. wc		
OREN JOHNSON.	JASPER. ss	s Oct. 5, 1836 l	Feb. 3, 1841
Ethan Pratt.	Chemung. ss	s Oct. 5, 1836 l	Aug. 16, 1843
David I. Perry.	Big Flats. p	s Oct. 5, 1836 l	Sept. 18, 1838
EGBERT ROOSA.	PAINTED POST 2d. ss	s Oct. 5, 1836	
	Seelye Creek. wc		
JOHN SMITH.	CORNING. ss	l Dec. 27, 1836 l	Sept. 1, 1840
William P. Jackson.	Millport. ss	l Sept. 5, 1837 l	Feb. 4, 1840

NAMES.	FIELD.	RECEIVED.	DISMISSED.
ELIJAH D. WELLS.	CAMPBELL, ss	1 Feb. 6, 1838	
Oren Catlin.	Lawrenceville. we	1 Feb. 6, 1838 s	Oct. 3, 1844
Octavius Fitch.	Horse Heads. p	1 Mar. 6, 1839	Oct. 5, 1841
	Richmond. ss	o	
	Covington. ss	1 Sept. 3, 1839 s	Oct. 3, 1844
P. L. de St. Croix.	Catlin. ss	1 Dec. 4, 1839	
Philemon H. Fowler, D. D.	Elmira. p	1 July 2, 1840	Dec. 16, 1850
LEWIS HAMILTON.	ADDISON. p	1	
	CAMPBELL. ss	1	Aug. 28, 1849
	Millport. p	1 Sept. 2, 1840	Sept. 1, 1846
Joseph Underwood.	Elkland. ss	1 Sept. 22, 1840	
Darius Williams.	CORNING. p	o Sept. 23, 1840	Oct. 5, 1842
SAM'L M. HOPKINS, D. D.	Big Flats. ss	1 Feb. 3, 1841 d	Oct. 15, 1803
Francis L. Whiting.	Athens. p	o Feb. 24, 1841 d	Sept. 22, 1872
Curtiss Thurston.	PAINTED POST. p	o May 6, 1841	Sept. 15, 1845
SAMUEL S. HOWE.	Horse Heads. p	o June 30, 1841	
Charles C. Carr.	PAINTED POST. p		
	Burdett. p		
Henry Clark.	Havana. p	o Nov. 9, 1841	Sept. 6, 1842
JOSEPH GARDNER.	HORNBY ss	1 Feb. 2, 1842	May 28, 1844
Julius Doane.	Covington. we	1 Feb. 2, 1842 sd	Dec. 13, 1843
Samuel J. McCullough.	Lawrenceville. ss	1 Sept. 7, 1842	Oct. 3, 1844
JOSHUA B. GRAVES.	CORNING. ss	1 Oct. 5, 1842	
	CORNING. p	sd	Aug. 16, 1848
THOMAS W. DUNCAN.	JASPER. ss	1 Feb. 7, 1843	Sept. 7, 1847
Morrison Huggins.	Havana. p	o June 13, 1843	June 25, 1856
B. FOSTER PRATT.	PAINTED POST. p	1 Dec. 12, 1843	
	CAMPBELL. ss	1	Sept. 28, 1865
Henry Ford, D. D.		1 May 28, 1844	Oct. 3, 1844
Samuel Porter.		1 Sept. 4, 1844 s	Oct. 3, 1844
Ebenezer Everett.	Catlin. ss	1 Oct. 15, 1844	Sept. 7, 1847
B. M. Goldsmith.	Southport and Chemung. p	o Feb. 25, 1845	Jan. 15, 1850
F. W. Graves.	Elmira (Cong). p	1 Feb. 3, 1846	Oct. 6, 1847
HOR. PATTENGILL, D. D.	CORNING 2d. p	1 Sept. 1, 1846	Feb. 5, 1850
D. A. Abbey.	Mead's Creek. ss	1 Sept. 1, 1846	
ANSON H. PARMELEE.	ADDISON. p	o Sept. 21, 1846	Sept. 26, 1855
Sylvester B. Shearer.	Reading. p	o Sept. 29, 1847	
Sidney Mills.	Big Flats. ss	1 Feb. 1, 1848	Feb. 7, 1849
Nathaniel Elmer.	Waverly. ss	1 Oct. 4, 1848	June 30, 1858
ASAHEL L. BROOKS.	CORNING. p	1 July 2, 1849	Feb. 3, 1851
Isaac N. Hurd.	Big Flats. p	o Jan. 16, 1850	
William B. Stow.		1 Feb. 4, 1850	Feb. 8, 1853
J. R. YOUNG.	PAINTED POST. ss	1 Feb. 4, 1850	June 29, 1852
Peleg R. Kinney.		1 June 24, 1850	June 30, 1851
George Hood.	Athens. ss	1 Aug. 29, 1850	June 26, 1855
David Murdock, D. D.	Elmira. p	1 June 30, 1851 d	1861
William Goodell.		1 Aug. 26, 1851	Sept. 26, 1860
ROBERT E. WILLSON.	CORNING. p	1 Feb. 2, 1852	Feb. 4, 1856
Robert McMath.		1 Feb. 2, 1852	Oct. 15, 1857
William Clark.		1 June 28, 1852	
MILTON BUTTOLPH.	PAINTED POST. ss	1 Feb. 8, 1853	
Francis Hendricks.	Dryden. ss	o June 28, 1853	Sept. 26, 1855
George T. Everest.		1 Aug. 24, 1853	Aug. 23, 1854
Fordyce Harrington		1 Feb. 6, 1854	Sept. 28, 1864
WM. R. DOWNS.	HOWARD. ss	1 Feb. 6, 1854	Feb. 4, 1856
Reuben H. Close.		1 Feb. 6, 1854	
Harvey A. Sacket.		1 Feb. 6, 1854	Sept. 29, 1357
Benjamin Russell.	Watkins. p	1 Feb. 5, 1855	Sept. 28, 1858
RICHARD G. KEYES.	PAINTED POST. ss	1 June 26, 1855	June 24, 1856
Charles Chapman.		1 June 24, 1856	
Henry Osborne		1 June 24, 1856	July 15, 1857
DARWIN CHICHESTER.	CORNING. p	1 June 24, 1856	Sept. 28, 1859
Calvin McKinney.		o Sept. 29, 1856	June 30, 1858
Henry Hickok.		1 Sept. 30, 1856	Feb. 24, 1857
Benjamin B. Riley.		1 Feb. 24, 1857	Sept. 29, 1857
Alexander Murdock.		o Feb. 25, 1857	Oct. 15, 1857
S. Mills Day.	Havana. p	1 May 11, 1857	June 14, 1864
Oliver Crane, D. D.	Waverly. p	1 June 30, 1857	Sept. 28, 1864
Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.		1 Sept. 29, 1857	
DAVID F. JUDSON.	ADDISON. p	1 Sept. 29, 1857	Jan. 28, 1863
Nathaniel E. Pierson.	Horse Heads. p	1 Dec. 16, 1857	Sept. 30, 1863
Elijah B. Smith.		1 Nov. 24, 1858	
Henry Rinker.		1 Jan. 25, 1859	
F. S. Howe.	Watkins. p	1 Sept. 28, 1859 d	1897
WILLIAM A. NILES, D. D.	CORNING. ss	1 Aug. 14, 1860	Jan. 23, 1863
David S. Johnson, D. D.	Waverly. p	o Aug. 15, 1860	
George C. Curtis, D. D.	Elmira 1st. p	1 Apr. 17, 1861	
Isaac Clark.	Elmira 2d. p	o Nov. 12, 1861	
Frederick Graves.		1 Jan. 29, 1862	June 7, 1865
Oris Fraser.		1 Feb. 12, 1862	Jan. 28, 1863
HIRAM E. JOHNSON.	PAINTED POST. ss	1 June 10, 1862	Jan. 28, 1863

GENESEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY (1859-1886).

Unable after two years' effort to revive the Angelica Presbytery, the Synod of Genesee at Mount Morris Sept. 28, 1858, recommended the organization of the same territory into a new presbytery, together with a few ministers and (upon their consent) the Olean, Portville, Franklinville, and Ellicottville churches in Cattaraugus county. By direction of synod a meeting was held at Cuba on the second Tuesday of December, 1858, for the purpose of organizing, but the Cattaraugus county churches in question had not yet taken action. To give them time to decide, the meeting was adjourned to Olean Jan. 4, 1859, when all but Ellicottville consented to become part of a new presbytery. The following ministers and churches (by the elders named) were enrolled as members of the new presbytery: *Ministers*—Sylvester Cowles, D. D., and Isaac G. Ogden (from Buffalo Presbytery), Nathan Allen (from Angelica Presbytery), and John Niles Hubbard (from Ontario Presbytery); *Churches*—Olean (Jacob Coss), Portville (Henry Dusenbury), Allegany (G. VanCampen), Franklinville (Merlin Mead), *ANGELICA (A. B. Palmer), CUBA (H. A. Mead), ALMOND (Moses Lockhart), and BURNS. The first stated meeting was at Almond Feb. 15, 1859. The name chosen by ballot for the new presbytery was GENESEE VALLEY. By the close of 1859 there belonged to it 9 ministers and 10 churches. It comprised Allegany county, the eastern part of Cattaraugus county, and the church of Arkport in Steuben county. Being a part of Genesee Synod, it was a New School presbytery. Before Reunion the following churches had been enrolled in addition to those named: Centerville, Andover, Belmont, Belfast, Hornellsville, Hume, and Rushford.

At Buffalo June 29, 1870, the presbytery was reconstituted by the Synod of Western New York (the successor of Genesee Synod) to comprise all the churches and ministers within Allegany and Cattaraugus counties. By this change Hornellsville and Arkport were transferred to Steuben Presbytery, and Ellicottville, Salamanca, and Connewango enrolled from Buffalo Presbytery. A little later the oil excitement arose and the newly organized Limestone, Bradford, Kendall Creek, and Duke Center churches were added. The three churches last named were in Pennsylvania, and were enrolled as the result of presbytery's successful effort to have Bradford, Otto, and Eldred townships transferred from the Synod of Harrisburg to the Synod of Western New York.

It was always a small presbytery. In the Narrative of 1882 pres-

*Small capitals indicate ministers and churches known to have been within the territory of the present Steuben Presbytery.

bytery confessed itself "the smallest presbytery in the [newly organized] Synod of New York". There were rarely as many as eighteen at a meeting, and often not more than ten. But this very fact bound the ministers and churches together more closely. Yet the question of dissolution was often discussed. One proposition was for the Cattaraugus churches to unite with Buffalo Presbytery and the Allegany churches with Genesee. Another was for all to go into Buffalo Presbytery. Finally an overture of the presbytery asking dissolution on certain lines was granted by the Synod of New York at Elmira Oct. 21, 1886. The Allegany churches and ministers were transferred to Steuben Presbytery, and the Cattaraugus and McKean (Pa.) churches to Buffalo Presbytery. The Presbytery of Genesee Valley reported to General Assembly in 1860 1,068 communicants, 1,252 in 1870, and 1,326 in 1880. It belonged to the old Synod of Genesee from its organization to 1870; to the new Synod of Genesee, formed from the old Synod of Genesee (N. S.) and the Synod of Buffalo (O. S.), known after 1871 as the Synod of Western New York, from 1870 to 1881; and to the Synod of New York from 1881 to 1886.

The following churches were enrolled for the periods named: Olean, Portville, Allegany, Franklinville, CUBA, ANGELICA, CENTERVILLE, and ALMOND, 1859-1886; BURNS, 1859-1873 (disbanded); ARKPORT, 1859-1870; ANDOVER, 1860-1886; BELMONT, 1861-1886; BELFAST, 1862-1871 (disbanded); HORNELLSVILLE, 1864-1870; HUME, 1867-1873 (reorganized as Methodist); RUSHFORD, 1868-1886; Ellicottville, 1870-1886; Salamanca, 1870-1875 (became Congregational); Connewango, 1870-1875 (Buffalo Presbytery); Limestone, 1879-1886; Bradford, 1879-1886; Kendall Creek, 1879-1886; and Duke Center, 1881-1886.

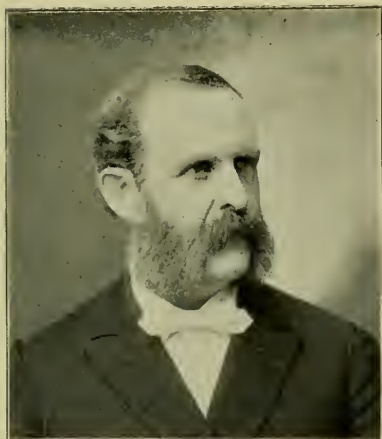
In 1867 there were 15 churches, only 5 of which, Portville, Olean, Angelica, Cuba, and Almond, had settled pastors. Seven of these churches reported \$372 given for Foreign Missions; 9 reported \$858 for Home Missions; and 6 to all other objects \$1150 (of which Angelica gave \$580). Only 6 churches reported prayer meetings and only 2 a young people's meeting before the Sunday evening service. In all 133 were added to the membership. In 1859 the comparative strength may be estimated from the following apportionment of \$62: ALMOND, \$15; ANGELICA, Portville, and Olean, \$10 each; CUBA, \$8; Allegany, \$3; BURNS, ARKPORT, and Franklinville, \$2 each. At the close of the first decade, Almond reported three prayer meetings, 250 at morning and 90 at evening service, 280 in the Sunday School, \$164 for Home and Foreign Missions, and the pastor's salary doubled in two years. Hume had 19 mem-



Rev. MARCUS N. PRESTON, Bath.



Rev. ERWIN C. HULL, Arkport.



Rev. GEORGE R. SMITH, Campbell.



Rev. DUNCAN CAMERON, Canisteo.



Rev. EVAN R. EVANS, Ph. D., Canaseraga.



Rev. GEORGE M. JANES, Andover.

bers and 30 in the S. S. Andover reported 79 enrolled, 50 in S. S., and \$2.52 for Home Missions. Belmont had 79 members, 60 in S. S., and \$60 for Home Missions. Angelica reported an average of 35 at weekly prayer meeting, 148 at morning and 113 at evening service, and 140 in the S. S., with 71 average attendance. Cuba had an average of 140 Sunday morning, 60 Sunday evening, 135 at S. S., 25 at the weekly prayer meeting, and reported \$140 for Home and Foreign Missions. Hornellsville had 165 church members, 110 out in the morning and 90 in the evening, 140 at S. S., and gave to Home Missions \$190.

In 1859 Genesee Valley condemned the American Tract Society for remaining neutral on the slavery issue. In 1864 it adopted among other resolutions on temperance the following:

“ We regard intemperance as one of the works of the flesh which can never be thoroughly overcome except by the great regenerative change which makes all things new; * * * and while encouraging all the temperance movements of the day * * * we yet believe the real triumph of temperance will be synchronous with the triumph of the Gospel”.

As early as 1864 it passed resolutions favoring the reunion of the Old and New School Churches. Oct. 9, 1869, General Assembly's overture proposing reunion was answered with a unanimous affirmative. It was constantly considering the Home and Foreign Mission work, and as only half of its churches were self-supporting the question of weak churches was always up for consideration. For a year or two at the beginning, a presbyterial missionary was employed. In 1860 he received \$500 salary. The American Home Missionary Society paid \$200; the weak churches in which he labored, \$150; ANGELICA, \$45; ALMOND, \$30; Portville, and CUBA, \$25 each; Olean, \$15; and ARKPORT and CENTERVILLE, \$5 each. In 1867, after a year's consideration, presbytery recorded several pages of reasons why taking milk on the Sabbath to a cheese factory was in its opinion unnecessary labor. As early as 1873, the systematic weekly offering was urged upon the churches in a resolution beginning, “ WHEREAS, the envelope system, by which its proportion of the salary is paid every week, seems to be the easiest and best method”— etc. There was a thriving Woman's Presbyterial Mission Society which in 1882 reported over \$1,000 contributions. The Bradford Church was at that time conducting a mission among the Chinese of that city. The only serious case of discipline was that of Rev. William Ingleby, who, after an exhaustive trial at Cuba in 1885, was deposed from the ministry and excommunicated from the church.

For several years after 1861 every minister came to stated meet-

ings of presbytery prepared to give a sermon skeleton from, and an exegesis of, passages assigned to all at the previous meeting. In 1866 and 1867 the elders had a successful "Elders' Meeting" in connection with presbytery meeting. For several years presbytery met on Friday and remained together over the Sabbath. In 1875, 1876, and 1877 a presbyterial visitation was carried out—two ministers appointed by presbytery visiting each church at a time mutually convenient. In 1878 a ministerial association was formed to meet the day before presbytery meeting.

The stated clerks of Genesee Valley Presbytery were: 1859, Rev. Nathan Allen, Cuba; 1859–70, Rev. Isaac G. Ogden, Portville, and later Almond; 1870–81, Rev. Joseph E. Tinker, Portville; 1881–2, Rev. John R. Findlay, Bradford; 1882–3, Rev. John C. Taylor, Cuba; 1883–4, Rev. Dwight K. Steele, Almond; 1884–5, Rev. French W. Fisher, Portville; 1885–6, Rev. David McLeod, Angelica.

Presbytery installed and released the following pastors: NATHAN ALLEN, CUBA, Jan. 14, 1854 (Angelica Presbytery)—July 19, 1859; Isaac G. Ogden, Portville, Nov. 3, 1859—Oct. 12, 1867; E. J. Stewart, Franklinville, Feb. 1, 1860—June 18, 1861; J. B. Beaumont, Olean, June 5, 1862—Apr. 22, 1867; ELIAS L. BOING, ANGELICA, Oct. 12, 1864—Oct. 12, 1867; CORLISS B. GARDNER, D. D., CUBA, June 6, 1865—Dec. 15, 1874; JOEL WAKEMAN, D. D., ALMOND, Jan. 14, 1846 (Angelica Presbytery)—Aug. 16, 1865; G. R. ALDEN, ALMOND, Nov. 14, 1866—June 3, 1867; JOHN REID, ANGELICA, June 30, 1868—Apr. 14, 1874; N. M. Clute, Olean, Sept. 29, 1869—Oct. 28, 1874; Courtney Smith, Ellicottville, Dec. 29, 1871—Feb. 22, 1884 (died); DWIGHT K. STEELE, ALMOND, June 2, 1875—Dec. 11, 1884; JOHN C. TAYLOR, CUBA, June 6, 1876—Jan. 4, 1883; J. W. Simpson, Olean, Sept. 16, 1880—Dec. 1, 1880 (Synod of Western New York); David Winters, Olean, Apr. 25, 1882—Apr. 15, 1884; French W. Fisher, Portville, Sept. 27, 1882—Oct. 6, 1885; Robert R. Watkins, Franklinville, Oct. 25, 1882— —; Edward Bryan, Bradford, Nov. 15, 1882— —; DAVID MCLEOD, ANGELICA, May 8, 1883—Dec. 8, 1889 (by Steuben Presbytery); CHARLES P. LUCE, Ph. D., CUBA, June 19, 1883—Dec. 2, 1889 (Steuben Presbytery); Allen G. Daniels, Ellicottville, Sept. 23, 1884—Oct. 27, 1885; John Burroughs, D. D., Olean, Dec. 11, 1884 — —; and BENJAMIN VANCLEVE, ANDOVER, June 10, 1886—Apr. 21, 1889 (Steuben Presbytery).

THE MINISTERS OF GENESEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY FROM 1859 TO 1886.

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NAMES.	FIELD.	RECEIVED.	DISMISSED.
Sylvester Cowles, D. D.		s Jan. 4, 1859 l	Sept. 12, 1861
ISAAC G. OGDEN.	Portville. p	s Jan. 4, 1859 l	
John Niles Hubbard.	ALMOND. pe		Apr. 13, 1875
NATHAN ALLEN.	Dansville, Ossian, Burns. ss	l Jan. 4, 1859 l	June 18, 1861
HENRY E. NILES, D. D.	CUBA. p	s Jan. 4, 1859 l	July 19, 1859
JOEL WAKEMAN, D. D.	ANGELICA. ss	l Feb. 15, 1859 l	Nov. 3, 1859
Samuel Porter.	ALMOND. p	l Feb. 15, 1859 l	Aug. 16, 1865
J. W. LANE.	CENTERVILLE. ss	l June 21, 1859 l	Apr. 10, 1868
JOHN E. BAKER.	ARKPORT and BURNS p	l June 22, 1859 l	June 17, 1863
J. T. Baldwin.		o July 19, 1859 l	Apr. 9, 1866
E. J. Stewart	Franklinville. p	o Feb. 1, 1860 l	Sept. 12, 1866
WILLIAM C. WHITE.	CUBA. ss	o July 24, 1860 l	June 18, 1861
E. W. STODDARD, D. D.	ANGELICA. ss	l Jan. 15, 1861 l	Sept. 11, 1867
ALLEN TRAYER.	BELMONT. ss	l June 18, 1861 l	Apr. 11, 1865
Nathaniel Hammond.		o June 18, 1861 d	Sept. 14, 1864
J. C. Richardson.		o Oct. 15, 1861 d	1864
MILFON WALDO, D. D.	HORNELLVILLE. ss	l Jan. 21, 1862 s	June 29, 1870
W. P. Teitsworth.		o Jan. 22, 1862 l	Apr. 11, 1865
J. B. Beaumont.	Olean. p	o June 5, 1862 l	Apr. 22, 1867
E. Hale.		l Jan. 20, 1863 l	Oct. 8, 1866
David L. Hunn.		l Jan. 21, 1863 l	Oct. 10, 1871
I. N. Crittenden.		l Sept. 3, 1863 l	Apr. 9, 1866
PHILANDER CAMP.	ANDOVER. ss	l Oct. 13, 1863 s	1870
C. M. LIVINGSTONE.	WELLSVILLE. ss	o Aug. 9, 1864 l	Apr. 9, 1869
ELIAS L. BOING.	ANGELICA. p	l Oct. 11, 1864 l	Apr. 8, 1870
C. B. GARDNER, D. D.	CUBA. p	l June 9, 1865 l	Dec. 15, 1874
J. W. LANE.	RUSHFORD. ss	l Oct. 9, 1865 d	1883
J. S. BINGHAM.	BELMONT. ss	l Sept. 12, 1866	
G. R. ALDEN.	ANDOVER. ss		Apr. 9, 1872
S. D. W. Westfall.	ALMOND. p	o Nov. 14, 1866 l	Apr. 9, 1869
Joseph E. Tinker.		l Oct. 11, 1867 l	Oct. 9, 1869
	Franklinville. ss	l Oct. 11, 1867	
JOHN REID.	Portville. ss		Apr. 10, 1882
N. M. Clute.	ANGELICA. p	l Apr. 10, 1868 l	Apr. 14, 1874
BENJAMIN RUSSELL.	Olean. p	l Sept. 15, 1869 l	Oct. 28, 1874
Erastus W. Twitchell.	ANDOVER. ss	o Sept. 15, 1869 l	Sept. 23, 1873
T. H. QUIGLEY.	Allegany. ss	o Sept. 28, 1869	1870
Courtney Smith.	WELLSVILLE. p	l Sept. 29, 1869 s	1870
William P. Jackson	Ellicottville. p	s June 29, 1870 d	Feb. 22, 1884
L. W. Billington.		s June 29, 1870 l	June 5, 1876
Nathaniel Ehmer.	Allegany. ss	l Oct. 10, 1871 l	Apr. 10, 1877
E. WOODWARD BROWN.		l Oct. 10, 1871 l	Oct. 3, 1876
P. P. Ossunkerheim.	WELLSVILLE. ss	l Oct. 10, 1871 l	Oct. 6, 1874
JOEL WAKEMAN, D. D.		l Oct. 1, 1872	
FRED S. HAYDEN.	ALMOND. ss	l Sept. 23, 1873 l	Apr. 14, 1874
DWIGHT K. STEELE.	ANGELICA. ss	o Oct. 28, 1874 l	Jan. 30, 1878
J. S. BINGHAM.	ALMOND. p	l Apr. 13, 1875 l	Dec. 11, 1884
Henry M. Curtis.	ANDOVER. ss	l Apr. 16, 1875 l	Sept. 11, 1882
JOHN C. TAYLOR.	Olean. ss	o Aug. 12, 1875 l	Jan. 28, 1880
John L. Landis.	CUBA. p	l Oct. 5, 1875 l	Sept. 10, 1883
French W. Fisher.	Franklinville. ss	l Oct. 5, 1875 l	Apr. 12, 1876
	Franklinville. ss	l Oct. 3, 1876	
ALBERT C. TITUS.	Portville. p		Feb. 25, 1886
JOEL S. KELSEY.	ANDOVER. ss	l Oct. 3, 1876 l	Apr. 15, 1884
Samuel B. Stevenson	BELMONT. ss	l Apr. 10, 1877 l	Jan. 4, 1883
Robert G. Williams.	Allegany. ss	l Oct. 9, 1877 l	Oct. 18, 1881
ROBERT R. KENDALL.		l Oct. 9, 1877 l	1873
C. W. Goss.	ANGELICA. ss	o Jan. 30, 1878	Oct. 6, 1886
John R. Findley.	Kendall. ss	l Oct. 1, 1878 l	Sept. 6, 1881
J. W. Simpson.	Bradford. ss	l July 14, 1879 l	Apr. 15, 1884
E. W. Fish.	Olean. p	o July 14, 1879 l	Apr. 10, 1882
David Winters, D. D.	Franklinville. ss	l Apr. 12, 1881 l	Apr. 9, 1883
JESSE LEE.	Olean. p	l Apr. 10, 1882 l	Apr. 15, 1884
Edward Bryan.	ANDOVER. ss	l Apr. 11, 1882 l	Apr. 15, 1884
Robert R. Watkins.	Bradford. p	l Oct. 25, 1882 s	Oct. 21, 1886
DAVID McLEOD.	Franklinville. p	l Oct. 25, 1882 s	Oct. 21, 1886
CHARLES P. LUCE, Ph. D.	ANGELICA. p	l May 8, 1888 s	Oct. 21, 1886
WILLIAM INGLEBY.	CUBA. p	o June 19, 1883 s	Oct. 21, 1886
James A. Greene.	RUSHFORD. pe	l Sept. 10, 1883 sd	Nov. 20, 1885
Allen G. Daniels.	Allegany. ss	l Apr. 15, 1884 l	Feb. 25, 1886
John Burroughs, D. D.	Ellicottville. p	l Sept. 23, 1884 l	Oct. 27, 1885
Henry M. Higley.	Olean. p	l Dec. 11, 1884 s	Oct. 21, 1886
BENJAMIN VANCELE.	Kendall. ss	l Dec. 11, 1884 s	Oct. 21, 1886
	ANDOVER. p	o June 10, 1886 s	Oct. 21, 1886

STEUBEN PRESBYTERY (1862-1897).

The Synod of Geneva meeting at Elmira Sept. 30, 1862, created Steuben Presbytery by adding to Bath Presbytery the South Steuben churches enrolled in Chemung Presbytery, and changing its name from Bath to Steuben. Technically Steuben was not a new presbytery, but a new name for the presbytery organized at Prattsburg in 1817. The first meeting of presbytery under its new name was at Howard Jan. 13, 1863. The following were present: *Ministers*—David D. Gregory, Prattsburg; Suffrenos Ottman, Pulteney; Stephen Vorhis, Hammondsport; and Mills B. Gelston, Naples. *Elders*—Alexander Conner, Howard; Elias Wygant, Prattsburg; J. A. Otis, Kanona; Pliny Cobb, Painted Post; George Teeple, Campbell; and N. C. Taylor, Canisteo.

Steuben Presbytery began with 19 churches. Twelve of these were in Bath Presbytery when the name was changed to Steuben—Naples, Prattsburg, Cohocton, Wayne, Howard, Pulteney, Wheeler, Jasper, Hammondsport, Kanona, Hornellsville, and Canisteo. Seven of them were transferred from Chemung Presbytery—Corning, Campbell, Addison, Painted Post, Painted Post 2d (Caton), Hornby, and Woodhull. In May, 1864, Hornellsville was set off by General Assembly to Genesee Valley Presbytery. June 13, 1866, the Elk Creek Church was enrolled. After the reunion of the Old and New School branches of the Presbyterian church in 1870, presbytery was reconstituted by the Synod of Geneva, holding its first meeting by Synod's direction at Bath Sept. 13, 1870. The only change was the addition of 4 ministers and 3 churches—Bath from Genesee River (Old School) Presbytery, and Hornellsville and Arkport from Genesee Valley Presbytery. For 24 years Steuben Presbytery included the same territory as Steuben county, excepting the Naples Church to 1883, the Hornellsville Church from 1864 to 1870, and the Arkport Church before 1870. In 1886 by the action of the Synod of New York dissolving the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, the churches and ministers of Allegany county were added to Steuben Presbytery. This action transferred 3 ministers and the churches of Almond, Angelica, Andover, Centerville, Cuba, Belmont, and Rushford. As the Naples Church was transferred to Geneva Presbytery in 1883, since 1886 Steuben Presbytery has covered exactly the counties of Steuben and Allegany. The Caton Church was declared extinct in 1867, the Wayne Church in 1871, the Kanona church in 1875, the Elk Creek Church in 1893, the Wheeler Church in 1894, and the Rushford Church in 1897. The Canaseraga Church was enrolled Apr. 16, 1873, the Hornellsville Hartshorn Church Feb. 17, 1891, the Atlanta Church July 22, 1894,



Rev. EDWARD M. DEEMS, Ph. D., Hornellsville. Rev. JAMES A. MILLER, Ph. D., Angelica.



Rev. EDGAR P. SALMON, Campbell.



Rev. JAMES R. ROBINSON, A. M., Painted Post.



Rev. ROBERT CLEMENTS, Cuba.

and the Avoca Church July 30, 1896. There are now in Steuben Presbytery 26 churches and 30 ministers. This presbytery reported to General Assembly in 1870 1,500 communicants, in 1880 2,239, in 1890 3,134, and in 1897 4,001. And contributions to missions have risen from \$1,026 in 1870 to about \$4,000. The presbytery belonged to Geneva Synod until in 1881 the six synods of the State were consolidated into the present Synod of New York.

Steuben Presbytery labored earnestly for Reunion. Among resolutions recorded June 14, 1865, are these:

“That we believe that Divine Providence is now calling us as churches to become one, as we are one nation. That we will recommend to our members, cleric and laic, to unite with either branch indiscriminately, as though we believed they were at heart one; and that we will endeavor to exchange pulpits with and extend christian courtesies to the other [Old] School; and pray for a reunion, and do all in our power to bring it to pass”.

Resolutions to the same effect were recorded Dec. 11, 1867. The presbytery Dec. 8, 1868, voted unanimously in the affirmative on an overture from General Assembly proposing a basis of union with the Old School General Assembly, and again on June 9, 1869.

The Reunion Memorial Fund of Steuben Presbytery amounted to \$42,411—all of which, excepting \$386, was devoted to home purposes. The following are the churches which contributed to this fund, with the amounts, and the specific objects: Arkport, \$456, manse and church erection; Bath, \$3,630, manse, debt, and church erection; Cohocton, \$1,600, new church; Corning, \$15,100, church debt, and Elmira College; Hammondsport, \$475, organ; Hornellsville, \$5,000, church repairs; Howard, \$1,400, church repairs; Jasper, \$3,500, new church; Painted Post, \$6,250, new church; Pulteney, \$3,000, church repairs; and Wheeler, \$2,000, new church.

The presbytery was incorporated Sept. 15, 1875, by the election of six trustees. The certificate of incorporation, signed by John E. Beecher, moderator, and James M. Platt, stated clerk, was filed in the Steuben County Clerk's Office, Nov. 6, 1875. The following have served as trustees of presbytery: Guy H. McMaster, Bath, 1875–88; Zenas L. Parker, Bath, 1875–92; Henry C. May, M. D., Corning, 1875–92; John N. Hungerford, Corning, 1875–82; T. Scott Thacher, Hornellsville, 1875–8; Alonzo VanWie, Howard, 1875–8; Leander Sutherland, Campbell, 1878–81; John D. Hamilton, Campbell, 1878–90; George W. Nichols, Hammondsport, 1883–7; James S. Thorp, Hammondsport, 1884–8; D. W. Baldwin, Prattsburg, 1884–9; Warren S. Hodgman, Painted Post, 1889–91; *FRANCIS A. WILLIAMS, Corning, 1891–; AMASA B. WHITE,

*Small capitals indicate the present trustees of presbytery.

Campbell, 1891-; JOHN F. PARKHURST, Bath, 1891-; CHAUNCEY G. HUBBARD, M. D., Hornellsville, 1891-; and CLINTON H. MINER, Cuba, 1896-.

The stated clerks have been the following: Rev. Stephen Vorhis, Hammondsport, 1862-5; Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., Corning, 1865-70; Rev. James M. Platt, D. D., Bath, 1870-84; Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., Hornellsville, 1884-9; Rev. Marcus N. Preston, Bath, 1889-96; Rev. James A. Miller, Ph. D., Angelica, 1896-. All have been treasurers of presbytery as well.

For purposes of comparison, some of the figures are given for 1877, and again for 1897: Ministers, 12-30; churches, 20-26; added on examination, 133-255; added on certificate, 51-188; communicants, 2,006-4,001; Sabbath School membership, 2,577-4,316; Foreign Missions, \$734-\$1,662; Home Missions, \$518-\$2,287.

The presbytery has installed and released the following ministers: David D. Gregory, Prattsburg, Oct. 26, 1859 (Bath Presbytery)—June 13, 1866; Joel Wakeman, D. D., Painted Post, Dec. 12, 1866—June 10, 1868; William A. Niles, D. D., Hornellsville, Sept. 11, 1872—April 17, 1878; Ziba N. Bradbury, Howard, Oct. —, 1872—June 30, 1876; Charles B. Austin, Cohocton, Nov. 14, 1872—Feb. 15, 1876; Ziba N. Bradbury, Pulteney, Sept. —, 1876—July 9, 1889; John Waugh, Cohocton, Nov. 7, 1878—Apr. 3, 1893; Daniel J. Robertson, Canisteo, Sept. 15, 1880—Oct. 22, 1884; Erwin C. Hull, Arkport, June 25, 1885—Apr. 21, 1897; Lester S. Boyce, Almond, Sept. 13, 1887—May 19, 1889; Benjamin VanCleve, Andover, June 10, 1886 (Genesee Valley Presbytery)—Apr. 21, 1889; Joseph G. Snyder, Belmont, Oct. 30, 1889—Nov. 7, 1892; David McLeod, Angelica, May 8, 1883 (Genesee Valley Presbytery)—Dec. 8, 1889; Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., Hornellsville 1st, May 9, 1890— —; Charles P. Luce, Ph. D., Cuba, July 12, 1883 (Genesee Valley Presbytery)—Dec. 2, 1889; George W. Warren, Prattsburg, Sept. 10, 1890— —; Wm. G. White, Cuba, Oct. 7, 1890—Jan. 20, 1894; James A. Miller, Ph. D., Angelica, July 8, 1891— —; Wm. C. Mathews, Pulteney, Nov. 17, 1891—May 29, 1894; Edgar P. Salmon, Campbell, Oct. 6, 1892— —; Robert Clements, Cuba, Apr. 18, 1894— —; Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., Corning, May 14, 1895— —; Frank H. Bisbee, Almond, May 15, 1895— —; Thomas Kerr, Atlanta, June 6, 1895— —; Herbert W. Knox, Belmont, May 11, 1896— —; and Charles Noble Frost, Bath, June 4, 1896— —.



Rev. FRANK H. BISBEE, Almond.



Rev. ALFRED J. HUTTON, D. D., Corning.



Rev HEZEKIAH WEBSTER, Howard.



Rev. WILLIAM A. REID, Ph. D., Pulteney.



Rev. FRED E. WALTON, Hornellsville.

In 1890 the presbytery, answering an overture of General Assembly, took the following position regarding the Confession of Faith:

“ We do desire certain changes which seem to us urgently needed and widely demanded, *First*, that the 3d chapter be so recast as to teach these things only, and these distinctly: the divine sovereignty in election, the equal love of God to all mankind, a salvation in Christ Jesus provided for and available for every sinner, and to be preached to every creature for immediate acceptance. *Secondly*, that the 10th chapter be so revised that no discrimination be made or implied concerning ‘ infants dying in infancy ’ (sec. 31); that sec. 4 be so changed as to teach that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to Him; and not to teach the damnation of all heathen, nor deny that there may be heathen who are saved by Christ through the Spirit. *Thirdly*, that chapter 24, sec. 3, be so changed as to omit all reference to Catholics as ‘ idolators ’; and chapter 25, sec. 6, so changed as not to designate the Pope as ‘ Anti-Christ, man of sin, and son of perdition ’. *Furthermore*, your committee recommends this presbytery to overture General Assembly to formulate a short and simple creed, couched, as far as may be, in Scripture language, and containing all the essential articles of the Westminster Confession, which creed shall be submitted for approval and adoption as the common creed of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches of the world, if their cooperation in the forming of such a creed can be obtained”.

A marked movement of the last decade has been the development of distinctively religious work by the young people along the lines of Christian Endeavor. Existing societies of the young people were reorganized as Young People’s Societies of Christian Endeavor and similar societies of Christian Endeavor have been organized in all the other churches. In a majority of the churches are Junior Christian Endeavor societies. Dec. 5, 1893, a very successful Presbyterial Conference of the Young People’s Societies of Christian Endeavor was held at Canistota. In December, 1894, there was a presbyterial visitation of the societies of Christian Endeavor—meetings being held in all the churches of presbytery during one week, with two ministers from outside at each meeting. In December, 1896, a similar visitation in the interest of missions was carried out under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor societies.

THE MINISTERS OF STEUBEN PRESBYTERY FROM 1862 TO 1897.

NOTE.—Capitals indicate the present members of Steuben Presbytery; s—transferred by synod; l—by letter; o—ordination; ss—stated supply; p—pastor; hr—honorably retired; pe—pastor elect; wc—without charge; fm—foreign missionary; e—editor; d—death.

NAMES.	FIELD.	RECEIVED.	DISMISSED.
Samuel White.		s Sept. 30, 1862	d 1864
James Rowlett.		s Sept. 30, 1862	d Mar. 29, 1884
David F. Judson.	Addison. ss	s Sept. 30, 1862	d Nov. 22, 1867
George Spalding.		s Sept. 30, 1862	d June 16, 1863
Mills B. Gelston.	Naples. ss	s Sept. 30, 1862	d Sept. 13, 1876
Charles T. White, D. D.	India. fm	s Sept. 30, 1862	s Sept. 13, 1870
Stephen Vorhis.	Hammondsport. ss	s Sept. 30, 1862	d June 13, 1866
Samuel A. Rawson.	Jasper and Woodhull. ss.	s Sept. 30, 1862	d June 11, 1877
David D. Gregory.	Prattsburg. p	s Sept. 30, 1862	d Dec. 11, 1877
Suffrenos Ottinan.	Pulteney. ss	s Sept. 30, 1862	
Lewis F. Laine.	Canisteo. ss	s Sept. 30, 1862	
	Canisteo. hr	s Sept. 30, 1862	d Dec. 9, 1891
Lafayette F. Dndley.		l Jan. 13, 1863	s Sept. 13, 1870
Ziba N. Bradbury.		o Jan. 14, 1863	
	Howard. ss		
	Pulteney. ss		
	Howard. p		
	Pulteney. p		
	Almond. ss		
	Howard. ss		d Apr. 4, 1893
William A. Niles, D. D.	Corning. ss	l June 16, 1863	
	Hornellsville. p		d Nov. 30, 1889
Hiram E. Johnson.	Painted Post. ss	l June 16, 1863	d June 13, 1866
William A. Wolcott.	Campbell. ss	l June 16, 1863	d Nov. 29, 1866
Fordyce Harrington.	Campbell. ss	l Sept. 28, 1864	d Oct. 18, 1883
Joel Wakeman, D. D.	Painted Post. p	l Dec. 13, 1865	d Sept. 11, 1872
Albo L. Greene.	Pulteney. ss	o Dec. 13, 1865	d Dec. 11, 1867
Charles Milne.	Howard. ss	l June 11, 1867	d Jan. 8, 1869
Ova H. Seymour.	Hammondsport. ss	l Dec. 10, 1867	d Dec. 14, 1869
D. Henry Palmer, D. D.	Prattsburg. ss	l June 10, 1868	d Apr. 16, 1872
William J. Parrott.	Addison. ss	l Dec. 8, 1868	d Oct. 19, 1870
P. H. Burghardt.	Painted Post. pe	l Dec. 8, 1868	d Sept. 10, 1873
James H. Board.	Howard. ss	l June 9, 1869	
	Canaseraga. ss		d Apr. 22, 1885
Alexander Gulick.	Jasper and Woodhull. ss	l June 9, 1869	d Sept. 9, 1873
Darwin Chichester.	Hammondsport. ss	l Dec. 14, 1869	d Jan. 11, 1876
James M. Platt, D. D.	Bath. ss	s Sept. 13, 1870	d Apr. 14, 1884
Albert W. Hubbard.	Woodhull. ss	s Sept. 13, 1870	d Oct. 18, 1871
James M. Harlowe.		s Sept. 13, 1870	d Sept. 14, 1870
Milton Waldo, D. D.	Hornellsville. ss	s Sept. 13, 1870	d Sept. 11, 1872
Charles Simpson.	Addison. ss	l Apr. 18, 1871	d Apr. 15, 1873
Samuel W. Pratt.	Prattsburg. ss	l Apr. 16, 1872	
	Campbell. ss		d Aug. 27, 1883
J. Shepard Bingham.		l Apr. 16, 1872	d Oct. 21, 1874
John C. Morgan.		l Sept. 10, 1872	d Sept. 19, 1876
Anson G. Chester, D. D.	Corning. ss	l Sept. 11, 1872	d Sept. 13, 1876
Charles B. Anstin.	Cohocton. p	o Nov. 14, 1872	d Feb. 15, 1876
John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D.	Addison. ss	l Apr. 15, 1873	d Apr. 21, 1875
Theodore B. Williams.	Campbell. ss	o Apr. 16, 1873	d Apr. 18, 1876
Theron L. Waldo.	Pulteney. ss	l Sept. 9, 1873	
	Painted Post. ss		d Apr. 20, 1881
Elias Child.		l Sept. 8, 1874	d Apr. 17, 1895
J. Hallock Browne.	Canisteo. ss	l Sept. 9, 1874	d Sept. 9, 1879
John E. Beecher.	Jasper and Woodhull. ss	o Apr. 21, 1875	d Sept. 11, 1877
Alphonso R. Olney, D. D.	Addison. ss	l Sept. 14, 1875	d Sept. 14, 1881
M. L. P. Hill, D. D.	Corning. pe	l Feb. 15, 1876	d Sept. 13, 1887
George N. Todd.	Arkport. ss	l Apr. 18, 1876	d Apr. 1, 1887
George Spalding.		l Apr. 18, 1876	d Nov. 28, 1886
Clark B. Gillette.	Campbell. ss	l June 20, 1876	d Sept. 11, 1877
W. Henry Niles.		o Sept. 13, 1876	d Sept. 13, 1876
Horatio Pattengill, D. D.		l Oct. 25, 1876	d Jan. 28, 1891
Byron Bosworth.	Hammondsport. ss	l Apr. 18, 1877	d Sept. 10, 1890
Frederick D. Seward.	Prattsburg. ss	l Sept. 11, 1877	d Apr. 28, 1879
Ephraim W. Kellogg.	Howard. ss	l Sept. 11, 1877	d Apr. 20, 1881
ARTHUR N. BRUEN.	Jasper and Woodhull. ss	o Sept. 12, 1877	
	Jasper. wc		
William C. Austin.	Naples. ss	o Oct. 25, 1877	d June 30, 1881
JOHN WAUGH.	Cohocton. p	l Oct. 2, 1878	
	Cohocton. hr		
JOHN L. JENKINS.	Jasper and Woodhull. ss	l Sept. 9, 1879	
	Preston. la. hr		
Daniel J. Robertson.	Canisteo. p	o Sept. 23, 1879	d Apr. 22, 1885
Lawrence M. Stevens.	Prattsburg. ss	l Oct. 29, 1879	d Apr. 18, 1888
JOEL WAKEMAN, D. D.	Campbell. hr	l Apr. 21, 1880	
Benjamin F. Millard.	Naples. ss	l Apr. 30, 1881	d Apr. 16, 1884
Alvin Cooper.	Howard. ss	l Oct. 5, 1881	d Sept. 15, 1885

NAMES.	FIELD.	RECEIVED.	DISMISSED.
Frederick Campbell.	Painted Post. ss	o Feb. 25, 1882	Apr. 16, 1884
William H. Rice.	Addison. ss	l Oct. 18, 1882	Apr. 4, 1893
JOHN S. BACON.	Corning. ss	l Apr. 18, 1883	
	Pulteney. wc		
Chas. M. Livingstone.	Campbell. ss	l Sept. 11, 1883	Sept. 15, 1885
Minor Swick.	Jasper and Woodhull. ss	l Apr. 16, 1884	Apr. 17, 1889
ERWIN C. HULL.	Arkport. p	l Apr. 22, 1885	
Marcus N. Preston.	Bath. ss	l Apr. 22, 1885	Apr. 22, 1896
Alvin W. Cooper.	Siam. fm	o Sept. 15, 1885	Sept. 15, 1885
George R. Smith.	Campbell. ss	l Apr. 19, 1886	July 15, 1892
Alanson Bixby.	Hornby. ss	l Apr. 20, 1886	Apr. 19, 1887
David McLeod.	Angelica. p	s Oct. 21, 1886	Apr. —, 1892
Charles P. Luce, Ph. D.	Cuba. p	s Oct. 21, 1886	Dec. 2, 1889
Benjamin VanCleve.	Andover. p	s Oct. 21, 1886	Apr. 17, 1889
William C. Brass.	Canaseraga. ss	o Apr. 19, 1887	Sept. 12, 1888
Henry W. H. Watkins.	Rushford. ss	l Sept. 13, 1887	Mar. 22, 1889
John M. Wolcott.	Prattsburg. ss	l Sept. 13, 1887	Apr. 16, 1890
Lester S. Boyce.	Almond. p	o Sept. 13, 1887	Apr. 17, 1889
Smith Ordway.		o Apr. 18, 1888	Apr. 18, 1888
Augustus Cone.	Rushford. ss	l Sept. 12, 1888	Apr. 20, 1892
DUNCAN CAMERON.	Canisteo. ss	l Apr. 17, 1889	
Martin E. Grant.	Hammondsport. ss	l Apr. 17, 1889	Sept. 10, 1889
EVAN R. EVANS, Ph. D.	Canaseraga. ss	l Sept. 10, 1889	
GEORGE M. JANES.	Andover. ss	l Sept. 10, 1889	
Daniel W. Marvin.	Canaseraga. hr	l Sept. 11, 1889	Aug. 31, 1895
John S. Niles.		o Sept. 11, 1889	Oct. 30, 1889
George F. Wood.	Hornby. ss	o Sept. 11, 1889	Sept. 10, 1890
Joseph G. Snyder.	Belmont. p	o Oct. 30, 1889	Apr. 3, 1892
Edwin H. Burgess.	Jasper and Woodhull. ss	o Nov. 13, 1889	Sept. 16, 1891
EDWD M. DEEMS, Ph. D.	Hornellsville 1st. p	l Apr. 16, 1890	
William Veenschoten.	Hornellsville Hartshorn. ss	l Apr. 16, 1890	Apr. 14, 1894
Alfred T. Vail.	Hammondsport. ss	l Apr. 16, 1890	Apr. 16, 1895
Augustus Frederick.	Painted Post. ss	l Apr. 16, 1890	Apr. 19, 1892
GEORGE W. WARREN.	Prattsburg. p	o Sept. 10, 1890	
William G. White.	Cuba. p	o Oct. 7, 1890	Jan. 20, 1894
DANIEL MACKAY.	Addison. ss	l Apr. 22, 1891	
JAMES A. MILLER, Ph. D.	Angelica. p	o July 8, 1891	
William C. Matthews.	Pulteney. p	l Nov. 17, 1891	Feb. 28, 1895
SAMUEL W. PRATT.	Campbell. e	l Apr. 19, 1892	
	Avoca. ss		
Daniel Redmond, Ph. D.	New York. ss	o Apr. 20, 1892	Apr. 20, 1892
Charles W. Maccarthy.	Jasper and Woodhull. ss	l Apr. 20, 1892	Apr. 22, 1896
EDGAR P. SALMON.	Campbell. p	l Sept. 14, 1892	
Joseph D. Hillman.	Almond. ss	l Oct. 6, 1892	Jan. 18, 1894
James R. Robinson.	Painted Post. ss	l Apr. 18, 1893	Apr. 21, 1897
D. Albert Blose.	Belmont. ss	l Apr. 18, 1893	Apr. 22, 1896
George F. Danforth.	Hornellsville Hartshorn. ss	l Sept. 13, 1893	Sept. 19, 1894
Joseph P. White.	Howard. ss	l Apr. 18, 1894	Sept. 19, 1894
FRANK S. SWAN, M. D.	Cohocton. ss	l Apr. 18, 1894	
James S. Wilkes.	Silver Lake. ss	o Apr. 18, 1894	Apr. 16, 1895
FRANK H. BISBEE.	Almond. p	o Apr. 18, 1894	
ROBERT CLEMENTS.	Cuba. p	o Apr. 18, 1894	
HENRY W. H. WATKINS.	Hornby. ss	l Sept. 19, 1894	
ALFRED J. HUTTON, D.D.	Corning. p	l Apr. 16, 1895	
HEZEKIAH WEBSTER.	Howard. ss	l Apr. 16, 1895	
THOMAS KERR.	Atlanta. p	o June 6, 1895	
CHARLES L. LUTHER.	Hammondsport. ss	l Sept. 18, 1895	
Andrew McC. Brown.	Hornellsville Hartshorn. ss	l Sept. 27, 1895	Mar. 30, 1896
WILLIAM A. REID, Ph. D.	Pulteney. ss	l Apr. 22, 1896	
CHAS. NOBLE FROST.	Bath. p	l Apr. 22, 1896	
ALBERT R. CRAWFORD.	Jasper and Woodhull. ss	l Apr. 22, 1896	
HERBERT W. KNOX.	Belmont. p	o May 11, 1896	
FRED E. WALTON.	Hornellsville Hartshorn. ss	l Sept. 16, 1896	
BENJ. B. KNAPP.	Painted Post. pe	l Apr. 21, 1897	
JAY FORBES ROBINSON.	Arkport. ss	o Apr. 21, 1897	

STATED MEETINGS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

GENEVA PRESBYTERY.

Place.	Moderator.
1805 Geneva.	J. Chapman.
1806 Geneseo.	D. Higgins.
1806 Aurelius.	J. Chapman.
1807 Geneva.	D. Higgins.
1807 Milton.	H. N. Woodruff.
1808 Palmyra.	D. Higgins.
1808 Aurelius.	J. Chapman.
1809 E. Bloomfield.	H. N. Woodruff.
1809 Onondaga.	D. Higgins.
1810 Geneva.	O. Ayer.
1810 Romulus.	C. Mosher.
1811 Ovid.	O. Ayer.
1811 Geneva.	J. Lindsley.
1812 Seneca Falls.	J. Chapman.
1812 Gorham.	A. C. Collins.
1813 Honeyoye.	D. Tuller.
1813 Phelps.	W. Clark.
1814 W. Bloomfield.	H. Axtell.
1814 Bath.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1815 Geneva.	D. Higgins.
1815 Lyons.	W. Clark.
1816 Elmira.	D. Higgins.
1816 Romulus.	J. Merrill.
1817 Prattsburg.	D. Higgins.
1817 Bath.	D. Higgins.
1818 Wayne.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1818 Alfred (Almond).	E. Lazell.
1819 Elmira.	H. Woodruff.
1819 Pulteney.	D. Higgins.
1820 Naples.	R. Hubbard.
1820 Bath.	D. Higgins.
1821 Prattsburg.	L. Barrett.
1821 Elmira.	D. Higgins.
1822 Painted Post.	L. Barrett.
1822 Angelica.	D. Higgins.
1823 Prattsburg.	H. Ford.
1823 Naples.	D. Higgins.
1824 Bath.	R. Hubbard.
1824 Wayne.	D. Higgins.
1825 Southport.	H. Ford.
1825 Cohocton.	B. Hotchkiss.
1826 Dansville.	H. Ford.
1826 Almond.	B. Hotchkiss.
1827 Elmira.	D. Higgins.
1827 Prattsburg.	D. Higgins.
1828 Big Flats.	M. Hunter.
1828 Mead's Creek.	D. Higgins.
1829 Starkey.	D. Higgins.
1829 Cohocton.	D. Higgins.
1830 Southport.	D. Harrowar.
1830 Naples.	D. Higgins.
1831 Havana.	D. Higgins.
1831 Bath.	D. Higgins.
1832 Elmira.	D. Harrowar.
1832 Lawrenceville.	D. Higgins.
1833 Horseheads.	A. Donalson.
1833 Prattsburg.	B. F. Pratt.
1834 Painted Post.	I. W. Platt.
1834 Bath.	D. Higgins.
1835 Campbell.	E. D. Wells.
1835 Big Flats.	B. F. Pratt.
1836 Elmira.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1836 Hornellsville.	C. Goodrich.
1837 Ham'onsport.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1837 Dundee.	S. White.
1838 Pulteney.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1838 Bath.	B. F. Pratt.
1839 Tyrone.	B. F. Pratt.
1839 Dundee.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1840 Howard.	J. Rowlett.
1840 Naples.	R. E. Willson.
1841 Ham'onsport.	D. I. Perry.
1841 Wayne.	E. Everett.
1842 Prattsburg.	B. F. Pratt.
1842 Bath.	R. E. Willson.
1843 Rock Stream.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1843 Pulteney.	S. White.
1844 Ham'onsport.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1844 Hornellsville.	R. E. Willson.

ANGELICA PRESBYTERY.

Place.	Moderator.
1828 Big Flats.	M. Hunter.
1829 Mead's Creek.	D. Higgins.
1829 Starkey.	D. Higgins.
1829 Cohocton.	D. Higgins.
1830 Southport.	D. Harrowar.
1830 Naples.	D. Higgins.
1831 Havana.	D. Higgins.
1831 Bath.	D. Higgins.
1832 Elmira.	D. Harrowar.
1832 Lawrenceville.	D. Higgins.
1833 Horseheads.	A. Donalson.
1833 Prattsburg.	B. F. Pratt.
1834 Painted Post.	I. W. Platt.
1834 Bath.	D. Higgins.
1835 Campbell.	E. D. Wells.
1835 Big Flats.	B. F. Pratt.
1836 Elmira.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1836 Hornellsville.	C. Goodrich.
1837 Ham'onsport.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1837 Dundee.	S. White.
1838 Pulteney.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1838 Bath.	B. F. Pratt.
1839 Tyrone.	B. F. Pratt.
1839 Dundee.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1840 Howard.	J. Rowlett.
1840 Naples.	R. E. Willson.
1841 Ham'onsport.	D. I. Perry.
1841 Wayne.	E. Everett.
1842 Prattsburg.	B. F. Pratt.
1842 Bath.	R. E. Willson.
1843 Rock Stream.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1843 Pulteney.	S. White.
1844 Ham'onsport.	J. H. Hotchkiss.
1844 Hornellsville.	R. E. Willson.

CHEMUNG PRESBYTERY.

Place.	Moderator.
1828 Big Flats.	J. Frost.
1829 Southport.	J. Frost.
1829 Painted Post.	J. Smith.
1829 Horseheads.	D. I. Perry.
1829 Addison.	D. B. Butts.
1829 Millport.	J. Gray.
1829 Mead's Creek.	G. Spalding.
1829 Havana.	N. Pratt.
1829 Campbell.	O. Catlin.
1829 Chemung.	P. H. Fowler.
1829 Big Flats.	E. D. Wells.
1829 Painted Post.	F. L. Whiting.
1829 Elmira.	C. C. Carr.
1829 Millport.	S. S. Howe.
1829 Athens.	C. Thurston.
1829 Addison.	S. J. McCullo'gh.
1829 Elkland.	B. F. Pratt.

BATH PRESBYTERY.		ANGELICA PRESBYTERY.		CHEMUNG PRESBYTERY.	
Place.	Moderator.	Place.	Moderator.	Place.	Moderator.
1845 Prattsburg.	B. C. Smith.	Rushford.	A. S. Allen.	Havana.	E. Pratt.
1845 Eddytown.	J. C. Morgan.	Centerville.	C. Crooker.	Campbell.	L. Hamilton.
1846 Bath.	R. E. Willson.	Almond.	W. F. Curry.	Elmira.	M. Huggins.
1846 Naples.	J. H. Hotchkiss.	Angelica.	W. F. Curry.	Painted Post.	B. M. Goldsmith
1847 Prattsburg.	S. White.	Cuba.	H. Fraser.	Big Flats.	P. L. D. S. Croix.
1847 Hornellsville.	G. T. Everest.	Burns.	H. Snyder.	Mead's Creek.	D. A. Abbey.
1848 Ham'ondsport.	J. Smith.	Almond.	R. Twitchel.	Elmira.	H. Pattengill.
1848 Howard.	J. H. Hotchkiss.	Andover.	S. A. Rawson.	Dix.	A. H. Parmelee.
1849 Rock Stream.	E. Pratt.	Rushford.	H. Snyder.	Horseheads.	J. Gray.
1849 Dundee.	B. C. Smith.	Phillipsburg.	N. Hammond.	Southport.	P. H. Fowler.
1850 Bath.	L. Rose.	Burns.	W. F. Curry.	Addison.	C. C. Carr.
1850 Prattsburg.	F. S. Gaylord.	Almond.	J. Wynkoop.	Havana.	A. L. Brooks.
1851 Cohocton.	O. Fraser.	Friendship.	J. Wynkoop.	Factoryville.	M. Huggins.
1851 Tyrone.	B. Russell.	Friendship.	D. Russell.	Corning.	B. F. Pratt.
1852 Prattsburg.	H. Pattengill.	Black Creek.	T. Blair.	Mead's Creek.	G. Hood.
1852 Bath.	B. C. Smith.	Phillipsville.	J. Wynkoop.	Jefferson.	D. Murdock.
1853 Naples.	G. T. Everest.	Almond.	C. L. Flemenb'g.	Painted Post.	N. Elmer.
1853 Eddytown.	E. Benedict.	Arkport.	J. Vanantwerp.	Athens.	S. B. Shearer.
1854 Hornellsville.	G. Spalding.	Cuba.	J. Wakeman.	Millport.	R. McMath.
1854 Jasper.	G. Spalding.	Angelica.	N. Allen.	Addison.	R. E. Willson.
1855 Ham'ondsport.	B. C. Smith.	Andover.	N. Allen.	Elmira.	B. F. Pratt.
1855 Pulteney.	S. M. Day.	Whitesville.	S. A. Rawson.	Campbell.	R. H. Close.
1856 Bath.	H. Pattengill.	Almond.	N. Hammond.	Waverly.	C. Thurston.
1856 Cohocton.	M. B. Gelston.	Scio.	J. Wakeman.	Big Flats.	J. Gray.
1857 Canisteo.	E. Benedict.			Horseheads.	F. Harrington.
1857 Howard.	F. V. Warren.			Monteury.	C. Chapman.
1858 Cohocton.	W. R. Downs.			Corning.	C. C. Carr.
1858 Pulteney.	G. Spalding.			Watkins.	O. Crane.
1859 Hornellsville.	M. B. Gelston.	Almond.	J. Cowles.	Waverly.	D. Chichester.
1859 Jasper.	S. A. Rawson.	Angelica.	I. G. Ogden.	Addison.	D. Murdock.
1860 Ham'ondsport.	J. Woodruff.	Scio.	J. N. Hubbard.	Southport.	A. W. Cowles.
1860 Naples.	D. D. Gregory.	Portville.	J. Wakeman.	Havana.	F. S. Howe.
1861 Bath.	G. Spalding.	Olean.	J. E. Baker.	Horseheads.	S. M. Day.
1861 Prattsburg.	W. R. Downs.	Centerville.	E. W. Stoddard.	Painted Post.	W. A. Niles.
1862 Ham'ondsport.	S. Ottman.	Belmont.	J. Wakeman.	Elmira.	C. C. Carr.
1862 Hornellsville.	S. A. Rawson.	Olean.	M. Waldo.	Big Flats.	G. C. Curtis.

STEUBEN PRESBYTERY.

1863 Howard.	C. Vorhis.	Angelica.	J. E. Baker.
1863 Campbell.	M. B. Gelston.	Cuba.	E. Hale.
1863		Portville.	J. C. Richards'n
1864 Painted Post.	H. E. Johnson.	Andover.	W. P. Teils'w'rt'h
1864 Canisteo	L. F. Laine.	Angelica.	T. B. Beaumont
1864 Corning.	F. Harrington.		
1865 Prattsburg.	S. Vorhis.	Almond.	E. L. Boing.
1865 Addison.	W. A. Niles.	Hornellsville.	I. G. Ogden.
1866 Pulteney.	D. F. Judson.	Olean.	C. B. Gardner.
1866 Painted Post.	M. B. Gelston.	Belmont.	P. Camp.
1867 Ham'ondsport.	F. Harrington.	Wellsville.	J. S. Bingham.
1867 Corning.	O. H. Seymour.	Franklinville.	C. M. Liv'ngst'e
1868 Canisteo.	C. Milne.	Andover.	C. B. Gardner.
1868 Campbell.	D. H. Palmer.	Arkport.	J. E. Tinker.
1869 Naples.	P. H. Burgh'rdt	Almond.	J. Reid.
1869 Painted Post.	W. J. Parrott.	Rushford.	M. Waldo.
1870 Prattsburg.	J. H. Board.	Cuba.	C. B. Gardner.
1870 Bath.	A. Gulick.	Portville.	I. G. Ogden.
1871 Hornellsville.	D. Chichester.	Ellicottville.	B. Russell.
1871 Pulteney.	J. M. Platt.	Angelica.	N. M. Clute.
1872 Corning.	C. Simpson.	Wellsville.	N. Elmer.
1872 Canisteo.	M. B. Gelston.	Olean.	L. W. Billington
1873 Prattsburg.	D. Chichester.	Franklinville.	C. Smith.
1873 Addison.	A. G. Ochester.	Almond.	C. B. Gardner.
1874 Campbell.	C. B. Austin.	Cuba.	J. E. Tinker.
1874 Howard.	T. B. Williams.	Portville.	C. Smith.
1875 Cohocton.	S. W. Pratt.	Andover.	L. W. Billingt'n
1875 Ham'ondsport.	J. E. Beecher.	Rushford.	D. K. Steele.
1876 Corning.	T. L. Waldo.	Franklinville.	J. C. Taylor.
1876 Naples.	M. L. P. Hill.	Allegany.	H. M. Curtis.
1877 Bath.	W. A. Niles.	Belmont.	C. Smith.
1877 Jasper.	G. Spalding.	Angelica.	J. C. Taylor.
1878 Cohocton.	A. R. Olney.	Cuba.	F. W. Fisher.
1878 Pulteney.	S. W. Pratt.	Ellicottville.	R. R. Kendall.
1879 Campbell.	J. M. Platt.	Almond.	A. C. Titus.
1879 Arkport.	T. L. Waldo.	Centerville.	S. B. Stevens'n
1880 Painted Post.	Z. N. Bradbury.	Andover.	D. K. Steele.
1880 Canisteo.	L. M. Stevens.	Bradford.	J. W. Simpson.

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 GENESEE VALLEY
 STEUBEN PRESBYTERY. PRESBYTERY.

Place.	Moderator.	Place.	Moderator.
1881 Hornellsville	S. W. Pratt.	Allegany.	C. T. Goss
1881 Naples.	B. Bosworth.	Cuba.	A. C. Titus,
1882 Ham'ondsport	J. Waugh.	Portville	E. W. Fish.
1882 Prattsburg.	A. Cooper.	Ellicottville.	J. C. Taylor.
1883 Addison.	F. Campbell.	Olean	E. Bryan.
1883 Canaseraga.	W. H. Rice.	Almond.	R. R. Watkins.
1884 Campbell.	J. S. Bacon.	Belmont.	D. McLeod,
1884 Howard.	C. M. Livingst'n	Cuba.	R. R. Watkins.
1885 Cohocton.	L. M. Stevens.	Franklinville.	J. Burroughs.
1885 Corning.	M. Swick.	Rushford.	J. Burroughs.
1886 Bath.	E. C. Hull.	Bradford	C. P. Luce.
1886 Jasper.	M. N. Preston.	Angelica.	C. P. Luce.
1887 Hornellsville.	B. Bosworth.		
1887 Almond.	J. Waugh.		
1888 Cuba.	W. H. Rice.		
1888 Andover.	G. R. Smith.		
1889 Corning.	C. P. Luce.		
1889 Addison.	J. S. Bacon.		
1890 Canisteo.	G. M. Janes.		
1890 Prattsburg.	G. R. Smith.		
1891 Campbell.	Z. N. Bradbury.		
1891 Ham'ondsport	E. C. Hull.		
1892 Bath	W. G. White.		
1892 Howard.	E. R. Evans.		
1893 Addison.	D. Cameron.		
1893 Hornellsville.	S. W. Pratt.		
1894 Cuba.	J. R. Robinson.		
1894 Canaseraga.	E. M. Deems.		
1895 Corning.	E. P. Salmon.		
1895 Arkport.	J. A. Miller.		
1896 Atlanta.	D. Mackay.		
1896 Angelica.	G. W. Warren.		
1897 Cohocton.	J. S. Bacon.		
1897 Belmont.	R. Clements.		
1898 Avoca.			

ERRATUM.—A sub-heading "BATH PRESBYTERY" should appear under the general heading "Stated Meetings of the Presbyteries" on page 36 following the year 1816. Beginning with 1817 in said column the places of meetings and moderators are those of BATH PRESBYTERY.

CONGREGATIONALISM.

It must not be forgotten that some of our Steuben Presbytery churches, either at organization or some other time in their history, were Congregational churches, and that Presbyterian and Congregational churches were in close fellowship until about 1870. This was the result of the "Plan of Union" entered into in 1801 by the General Assembly for the Presbyterians, and the General Association of Connecticut for the Congregationalists. It was adopted "with a view to prevent alienation and promote union and harmony in those new settlements which are composed of inhabitants from these bodies". Under this "Accommodating Plan" it was in order for a Congregational church to be enrolled in a presbytery, to have an installed pastor who belonged to a presbytery, and to have its deacon accorded in that presbytery the rights of an elder. So, too, it was in order for a Presbyterian church to be enrolled in an association, to have an installed pastor who belonged to an association, and to have its elder accorded in that association the rights of a deacon. Fellowship was promoted by the fact that both churches down to 1837 contributed to foreign missions through the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and to home missions through the American Home Missionary Society. This remained true of the Congregational and New School Presbyterian Churches down to 1870. And as the field of Steuben Presbytery was almost entirely New School the relation between the two Churches here was especially close. As far as this field is concerned the arrangement proved greatly to the advantage of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John Niles, Rev. David Higgins, Rev. James H. Hotchkin, and Rev. Robert Hubbard, the pioneers of Presbyterianism in Steuben and Allegany counties, all began their ministry in the Congregational Church. Our oldest church, the Prattsburg Church, was organized by Congregationalists in 1804 as a Congregational church, enrolled in Geneva and Bath Presbyteries as a Congregational church, remained fully Congregational until 1839, and did not become fully Presbyterian until 1868. Our second oldest church, the Bath Church, was organized in 1806 as a Congregational church, had its first pastor installed by the Ontario Association, entered Geneva Presbytery in 1811 as a Congregational church, but during 1812 by advice of presbytery became Presbyterian. Our third oldest church, the Cohocton Church, was organized in 1809 as a Congregational church, was received into Bath Presbytery in 1820 on the "Accommodating Plan", and did not become Presbyterian until 1850. The New

School Bath Church became Congregational about 1862 and so remained until at the Reunion it reunited with the parent Presbyterian church. The Angelica Church was governed Congregationally from 1845 to 1851, and again from 1857 to 1859. The Wellsville Congregational Church was organized as a Presbyterian church in 1841, changed to a Congregational church in 1856, and though not enrolled in a presbytery continued to accept Presbyterian ministers. The Andover Church was a Congregational church from the beginning in 1824 until 1886, and as such was enrolled in Bath, Angelica, and Genesee Valley Presbyteries. The Friendship Congregational Church was enrolled for many years in Angelica and Genesee Valley Presbyteries. The Cuba Church from 1835 to 1842 was governed Congregationally—a part of the time being a full Congregational church. The Belmont Church adopted Congregational government from 1854 to 1856, and from 1853 to 1867 the Rushford Church belonged to an association. The Black Creek Congregational Church is the successor of several Presbyterian organizations. Not a few of our churches have received aid from the Congregational Board. Congregational ministers who supplied Presbyterian churches generally attended presbytery meetings and as corresponding members shared in the deliberations.

EXTINCT CHURCHES.

Many churches within the bounds of presbytery have been dissolved. The Wayne Church, organized in 1809, and for years one of the strongest in Bath Presbytery, in 1832 receiving 100 members and reporting a membership of 200, gradually declined until in 1871 it was declared extinct. The edifice was sold to the St. John Episcopal Church. In 1831 a church was organized in Kennedyville (Kanona) of members living there and in Avoca which in 1834 had 99 members. Here Bath Presbytery took the action which made it a New School presbytery. This church was dissolved in 1875. There was once a small church in the northern part of Cohocton which was organized about 1836 and in 1839 enrolled in Ontario Presbytery. The Wheeler Church, most noted of all our extinct churches though never exceeding a membership of 40, numbered among its members and elders Marcus Whitman, M. D., who though a home missionary saved the Oregon country to the United States, and General Otto F. Marshal, a distinguished citizen of Steuben County, whose refusal to be "disbanded" kept the church on the roll of Steuben Presbytery until 1894. A church was organized in Cameron about 1840. One of its most active members was Chauncey P. Hubbard, later an elder in the Woodhull Church. This



Rev. ROBERT HUBBARD, Angelica and Almond.

From a lead-pencil sketch—the only likeness existing—furnished
by his son, Rev. John Niles Hubbard, Tracy, Cal.

Cameron Church became Old School and finally extinct—the Baptists purchasing the building. From 1836 to 1867 there was a small church in Caton enrolled as Painted Post 2d; from 1834 to 1843 another at Erwin Center, and from 1845 to 1850 another in Thurston. Troupsburg had a small church from 1836 to 1846, and Greenwood from 1830 to about 1850.

When in 1846 the Painted Post 1st Church chose the name of Corning some of the members were dismissed to form a new church with the old name. In 1849 it reunited with the parent church. Elk Creek had a small church from 1866 until 1893. A church in Hume, organized about 1834, and in 1842 reporting 142 members, about 1873 was reorganized as a Methodist church. From 1836 until about 1850 there was a church at Grove Center, from 1833 till about 1847 one in Independence, for a few years from 1851 a Congregational church in Alfred, and from 1846 to 1854 a Congregational church at Caneadea. There was a church in Burns first reported in 1837 which in 1843 had 120 members. This church was dissolved in 1873, the members uniting with the Arkport or Canaseraga Churches. From 1826 to about 1850 there was a church in Allen which had 100 members in 1836 and an installed pastor in 1840. The Black Creek Church was organized in 1822. In 1828 a division of this church resulted in the organization of the Haight Church which in 1834 reported 79 members. In 1837 the Black Creek and Haight Churches united under the name of the New Hudson Church and reported in 1840 90 members. Some members seceding from this New Hudson Church formed the only Old School church in Allegany County. Both these churches soon disappear from the records, the Black Creek Congregational Church organized in 1851 probably absorbing their members. From 1830 to about 1871 there was a church in Belfast. The Rushford Church, after living nearly 60 years, was declared extinct in 1897. It reported in 1846 a membership of 116. It is much to be regretted that the Presbyterian Church, though having a much larger membership in Steuben and Allegany counties than ever before, has lost its hold on so many rural communities.

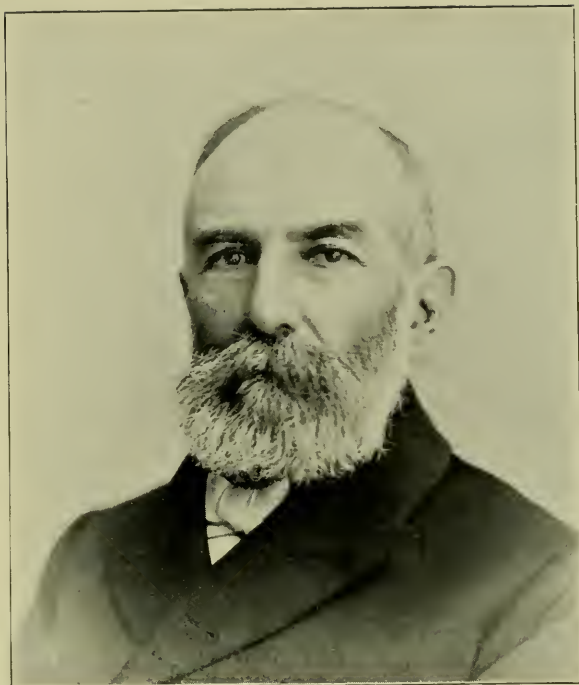
MINISTERS.

There are a few ministers whose services entitle them to special mention. Though Rev. John Niles, the "pathfinder" of our Church on this field, was only 35 years old when he died at Bath, and had served only six years in the ministry, five of the six oldest churches now in presbytery, organized by him, remain his monument—Prattsburg (practically, though not nominally, organized by

Mr. Niles), Bath, Corning, Almond, and Angelica. Of all who have ministered to our churches the three who deserve first and highest mention are "Fathers" Higgins, Hotchkinn, and Hubbard. The three names stand together in the record of the first meeting of Bath Presbytery, and for 25 years they worked together organizing and nurturing churches. On horseback they penetrated to every part of Steuben and Allegany and into all the adjacent counties. Rev. David Higgins was a descendant of John Rogers, editor of the "Matthew's Bible" and a Smithfield martyr. Graduating from Yale College in 1785, he was pastor of the Aurelius Congregational Church—the parent of the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn—before coming to Bath in 1812. He was pastor of the Bath Church 19 years, moderator of presbytery 24 times, the convener of Geneva Synod, and influential throughout the churches of Western New York. Rev. James H. Hotchkinn was a graduate of Williams College, and before coming in 1809 to Prattsburg was pastor of the West Bloomfield Congregational Church. He was pastor of the Prattsburg Church 21 years, stated clerk of Bath Presbytery 14 years, vice-president and acting moderator of the Auburn Conference of 1837 which shaped the organization of the New School Presbyterian Church, and active in the establishment of Auburn Theological Seminary. The closing years of his life were spent in Prattsburg writing his valuable "History of Western New York". Rev. Robert Hubbard also was a graduate of Williams College. He was for many years pastor of the Angelica and Almond Churches, but his parish was the whole of Allegany and the west edge of Steuben. He was unwearied in church organization and famous for his unselfishness.*

Rev. Joel Wakeman, D. D., shares with Rev. James H. Hotchkinn in the distinction of the longest pastorate on the field of Steuben Presbytery—21 years in the Almond Church. His service in all to the Almond Church covers 23 years—a longer time than any other minister within the territory of presbytery gave to one church. Dr.

* * * His headquarters were at Angelica from whence he traveled into all the settlements for 20 miles around. * * * He used frequently to extend his visits from Almond to Hornellsville and on to Canisteo, preaching at Canisteo in the evening. Starting on his return Monday he would call at nearly every house on his way home, when the family where he called would be gathered together and after a kind word to every one, read a portion of scripture, comment a little and pray with the family, leave a few tracts and again wend his way onward, spending most of the week in getting home. Thus it will be seen that Mr. Hubbard sowed the good seed that subsequently bore fruit in the churches of Angelica, Almond, Hornellsville and Canisteo. * * * His unselfish benevolence hardly knew any bounds, always giving from his scanty store to any more needy than he thought himself. It is told of him that at one time, having been presented with a new garment, before getting home he found a destitute man to whom he gave the new garment. At another time a friend presented him with a fine cow for his own use, and in driving her home he met a poor man who was exceedingly destitute. Mr. Hubbard told him the circumstances of the gift but remarked, "You are more needy than I; take the cow and drive her home; I can do without her". After much urging the man took the cow".—Mowry Thacher in "Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Hornellsville Presbyterian Church".



Rev. WILLIAM A. NILES, D. D., Corning and Hornellsville.



Rev. JAMES M. PLATT, D. D., Bath.

Wakeman ministered also to the Painted Post Church 3 years, and to the Campbell Church 4 years. Rev. William A. Niles, D. D. ministered to our churches continuously 30 years—13 years at Corning and 17 years at Hornellsville. He was stated clerk of Steuben Presbytery from 1865 to 1870 and again from 1884 to 1889. The first Sunday School Institute in the United States was held in his church. He was a leader in every good cause in presbytery not only but throughout Western New York. Another of the master builders in Steuben Presbytery was Rev. James M. Platt, D. D. He was pastor of the Bath Church 15 years, and 14 years stated clerk of presbytery. He was one of the leaders of Geneva Synod. Twenty-five years before Mr. Platt began his ministry in the Bath Church, his father, Rev. Isaac W. Platt, closed a pastorate of 13 years in the same church. Rev. Ziba N. Bradbury gave his ministerial life of 30 years to the churches of Steuben Presbytery. He shares with Dr. Wakeman and Dr. Niles the distinction of having ministered 30 years within the bounds of presbytery. He was ordained at Howard at the first meeting of presbytery under the name of Steuben, and died at Howard in 1893. He was for awhile minister of the Almond Church, at two different periods served the Pulteney Church, and at three different times labored in the Howard Church.

Rev. Moses Hunter was a pastor on this field from 1827 to 1839. He was for 11 years stated clerk of Angelica Presbytery. For 10 years he was pastor of the Almond Church when the parish included what is now Hornellsville, part of the time preaching in the morning at Almond, in the afternoon at Hornellsville, and in the evening at Arkport. Rev. Robert E. Willson gave 17 years to our churches—14 years at Hammondsport and 3 at Corning. Rev. B. Foster Pratt also spent 17 years on this field. He was pastor of the Prattsburg Church from 1838 to 1841, of the Painted Post Church from 1843 to 1849, and supplied the Campbell Church from 1850 to 1860. Rev. James H. Board, after 4 years with the Howard Church, organized the Canaseraga Church and was its pastor 12 years. Rev. Benjamin C. Smith was pastor of the Prattsburg Church 15 years, and Rev. John Waugh of the Cohocton Church for the same length of time. Rev. Lewis F. Laine ministered to the Canisteo Church 13 years, giving the remaining 18 years of his life to Canisteo Academy. Rev. Byron Bosworth was minister of the Hammondsport Church 12 years, Rev. Marcus N. Preston of the Bath Church 12 years, and Rev. Erwin C. Hull of the Arkport Church 12 years. Those who have had a ministry of 10 years with one church have been Rev. Samuel White with the Pulteney Church, Rev. Milton Waldo, D. D., with the Hornellsville Church, Rev.

Dwight K. Steele with the Almond Church, Rev. George N. Todd with the Arkport Church, and Rev. John S. Bacon with the Corning Church. Rev. Samuel W. Pratt served the Prattsburg Church from 1872 to 1876, the Campbell Church from 1877 to 1883, and has rendered invaluable service in establishing the Atlanta and Avoca Churches.

Those who have been selected from this field to attend General Assembly more than one time are the following: 5 times, Rev. Joel Wakeman, D. D.; 4 times, Rev. James H. Hotchkiss, and Rev. William A. Niles, D. D.; 3 times, Rev. Robert E. Willson, and Rev. Moses Hunter; and 2 times, Rev. David Higgins, Rev. Robert Hubbard, Rev. Samuel W. May, Rev. Asa S. Allen, Rev. B. Foster Pratt, Rev. Stephen Vorhis, Rev. Ziba N. Bradbury, Rev. Corliss B. Gardner, D. D., and Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

RULING ELDERS.

The list of men who have served the churches of Steuben and Allegany in the eldership is a long one, and a great proportion of the names are those of men prominent as well in the affairs of their respective communities. There are a few whose prominence or length of service entitle them to special notice. One of the most influential laymen of the day of beginnings was William Steele, already an elder when in 1820 he moved from New Jersey to Painted Post. Through Mr. Steele's effort the Painted Post (Corning) Church was reestablished. For many years he was a worker in Bath and Chemung Presbyteries. No name is more prominent in the pioneer history of Allegany County than that of Major Moses Van-Campen—an Indian fighter and Revolutionary hero, whose published biography is of interest at times thrilling. It is not so well known, however, that he was the first member and elder of the Angelica Church and represented his church in Geneva and Angelica Presbyteries. Another Allegany pioneer and man of affairs was Vial Thomas. From 1828 to his death in 1885 at the age of 101 he was an elder in the Angelica Church*. Robert Porter of Prattsburg who represented his church in presbytery and synod many times probably did more for the Prattsburg Church than any other excepting Captain Jared Pratt. He was a Yale graduate of 1795, and from 1803 to 1806 principal of Hamilton Academy (afterward Hamilton College). He was prominent in synod and in the affairs of Auburn Seminary as well as in his own church and presbytery. Henry H. Spalding was representing the Prattsburg

*The portrait of Deacon Thomas which appears in this work was taken when he was 100 years old.



Rev. JOEL WAKEMAN, D. D., Almond, Painted Post, and Campbell.



Rev. ZIBA N. BRADBURY, Howard, Pulteney, and Almond.

Church in presbytery when he was ordained to the ministry, and Dr. Marcus Whitman was an elder in the Wheeler Church when he started upon his Oregon mission. Judge Stephen Prentiss, the father of Narcissa Prentiss, was for many years influential in the Prattsburg Church, for 7 years after leaving Prattsburg an elder in the Angelica Church, and for a term of years after leaving Angelica an elder in the Cuba Church.

Few names occur more frequently in the minutes of presbytery than that of Kendal Wilder, an elder in the Cuba Church. He represented his church in presbytery 26 times, the first time in 1829 at the first stated meeting of Angelica Presbytery, and the last time in 1867 at a meeting of Genesee Valley Presbytery. An elder in the Greenwood Church was Jacob Manning, "one of only three men that offered prayer between Rexville and Canisteo on the Bennett's Creek road". It was said of him, "he was the only righteous man in Greenwood and all that saved the valley from destruction". Rev. J. Merrill Manning, D. D., of the Boston Old South Church, was his son. A foundation stone of the Hammondsport Church was Lemuel D. Hastings, an elder for 56 years, and another in the same church was Solomon Clark, 52 years in the eldership. Mr. Hastings represented his church first in 1838 in Bath Presbytery and last in 1882 in Steuben Presbytery. For 53 years Joshua Sargent was an elder in the Jasper Church, and Jonathan R. Prentice for 49 years in the same church. Rev. Asa S. Allen, for 9 years pastor of the Cuba Church, appeared first in presbytery as a deacon from the Andover Church, and was ordained while serving as an elder in the Angelica Church. The name of General Otto F. Marshal*, an elder in the Wheeler Church, is among the prominent names of Bath and Steuben Presbyteries, as it is among the distinguished citizens of his county. George Temple, an elder of the Campbell Church, has the distinction of attending presbytery more times than any other elder on this field—45 times he represented one church. Few laymen have influenced church, presbytery, and synod more than elder Nathaniel C. Taylor of Canisteo. For 10 years no other elder represented the Canisteo Church in presbytery.

For 61 years Joel D. Gillet has been an elder in the Addison Church—for 60 years acting as clerk of session. He has attended 33 presbytery meetings—the first at the first stated meeting of Chemung Presbytery in 1836, the last during 1893 in Steuben Presbytery. Uriah D. Hood, Corning, has been in the eldership 44 years; Charles Amsden, Cuba, the same length of time; and Prof. Zenas L. Parker, Bath, 40 years. John Hurlbut, an elder in the Arkport Church.

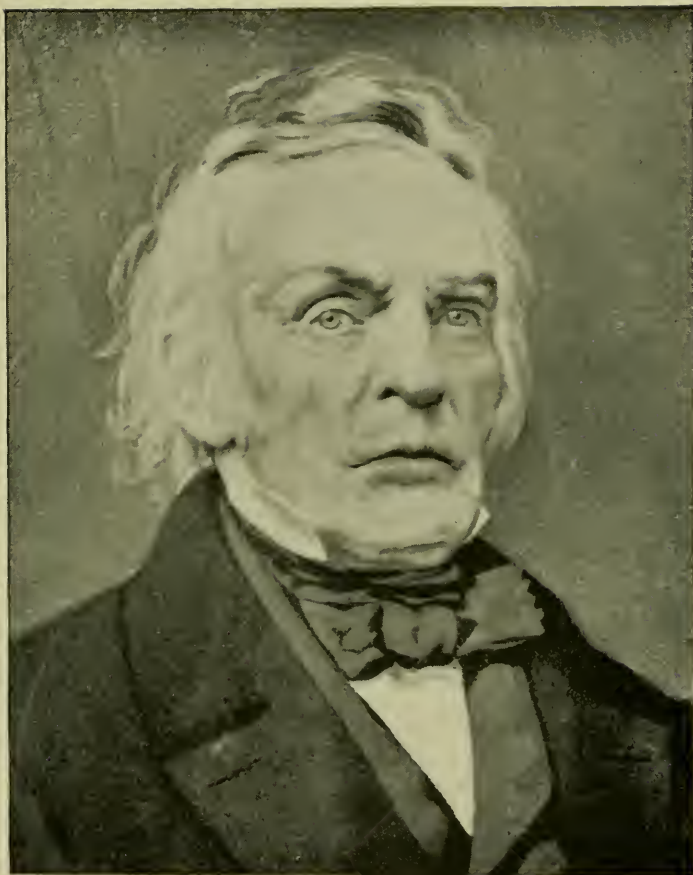
* Died Feb., 1891, aged 99.

has year by year for 40 years been elected superintendent of the Sunday School. The following elders have been chosen by presbytery more than once as commissioners to General Assembly: Nathaniel C. Taylor, Canisteo, James H. Hotchkiss, Prattsburg, and Alfred Lockhart, Angelica, 4 times; Paul C. Howe, Prattsburg. Elias Hopkins, Bath, Samuel S. Haight, Bath and Angelica, William Steele, Corning, and Lemuel D. Hastings, Hammondsport, 3 times; and Robert Porter, Prattsburg, Elam Bridges, Prattsburg, Stephen Prentiss, Prattsburg and Angelica, Abram Waugh, Cohocton, Francis A. Williams, Corning, James Hurlbut, Almond, Robert H. Coleman, Almond, Daniel S. Benton, Pulteney, and Charles A. Knox, Campbell, 2 times.

MISSIONARIES.

The Presbyterian Church in Steuben and Allegany honors its sons and daughters who witness for Christ in "the regions beyond". The first to give himself to mission work was George Hornell, living in Hornellsville, the first member of the Almond Church. He was ordained by Bath Presbytery Feb. 24, 1828, and, after a year's successful work as a Sunday School missionary in Steuben County, accepted an appointment of the American Board as a missionary to the Indians, with his headquarters at Mackinaw, Mich. His health not proving equal he was obliged to return after two year's work. In the office of the "Steuben Farmer's Advocate" at Bath in 1831 was an apprentice—Phineas Hunt. The paper was conducted at that time by Smead & Son. The son's wife was an earnest Christian, and under her influence the apprentice was converted, and offered himself as a printer to the American Board. He served the Board as a missionary printer 30 years in Madras, India, and was then sent to Peking, China. Mrs. Smead became subsequently a member of the Hornellsville 1st Church. Rev. Charles T. White, D. D., who was for 12 years a missionary for the American Board in the Madura district of South India, was a son of Rev. Samuel White, a member of the Bath and Steuben Presbyteries from 1825 to his death in 1864, and twice pastor of the Pulteney Church. Dr. White was ordained by Bath Presbytery at Howard Oct. 1, 1856. Hammondsport cherishes tenderly the memory of Rev. Frederick H. Brewster. A teacher there from 1846 to 1849, a member of the church and superintendent of the Sunday School, he consecrated himself to foreign mission work. Under appointment of the American Board, he reached his field, Canton, China, Jan. 1st, 1852. Attacked by smallpox on the 26th, he died on the 29th—less than a month after his arrival. Yet his consecrated life was richly fruitful.

Names that become more widely and honorably known every year



Rev. SAMUEL PARKER.

Plate loaned by Rev. D. J. McMillan, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the
Presbyterian Home Mission Board, New York.

are those of Samuel Parker, Marcus Whitman, Narcissa Prentiss, and Henry H. Spalding. All these were identified with the work among the Oregon Indians—in the thirties and forties a foreign mission field of the American Board. Rev. Samuel Parker* was born in Ashfield, Mass., Apr. 23, 1779, and was identified with this field closely as a pioneer missionary of the Massachusetts Missionary Society. After graduating from Williams College in 1806 and before going to Andover Seminary, and again for a short time after leaving the Seminary, he visited some of the early settlements. He was several times in Hornellsville†, Almond, Angelica, and Howard, between 1808 and 1811, holding the first preaching service in Howard in 1810. Very much later it was his missionary addresses in our churches that led to the Whitmans and Spaldings giving themselves to Oregon. When in 1833 a pastor in a Massachusetts town, he read the narrative, "Wise Men from the West", telling of four Flathead and other Indians from Oregon coming to St. Louis to inquire about the white man's God and Bible. The narrative had a profound effect on Mr. Parker. He wrote to the American Board April 10, 1833, offering to go to Oregon to establish a mission among the Indians. Not receiving a reply, he wrote again May 17th, and again June 18th. In July, having in the meantime removed from Middlefield, Mass. to Ithaca, N. Y., he received an indefinite reply. On the first Monday in January, 1834, he spoke in the session house of the Ithaca Presbyterian Church, boldly proposing that that church send him on the Oregon mission, and calling for volunteers to accompany him. The church agreed and three young men at once offered. At 5 o'clock in the morning of May 5, 1834, there was a solemn farewell prayer-meeting in the session-house or chapel of the church, when Rev. Samuel Parker, Mr. Samuel Allis, a sadler, one of the three who had volunteered, and Mr. John Dunbar, a senior in Auburn Seminary, started on the trip to Oregon. Reaching St. Louis too late to join the annual caravan of the American Fur Company, it was decided that Messrs. Allis and Dunbar should labor among the Pawnee Indians, while Mr. Parker should return to spend the intervening year in missionary meetings and collecting money. It was while he was holding these missionary meetings that he induced

*See article "Rev. Samuel Parker, Missionary to Oregon", by Rev. H. W. Parker, D. D., in "The Church at Home and Abroad", March, 1895.

†He made his home in the old red house [Judge George Hornell's]. He preached in the dining room with his audience seated in that room. Mrs. Moore, Judge Hornell's daughter, says: "Father became much attached to him and when he was about to leave requested him to send them a minister to abide with them, and it was through Mr. Parker's influence that Rev. Robert Hubbard came here to labor, and who proved to be such a blessing to all that region of country". It is understood that Judge Hornell was hopefully converted in connection with the labors of Mr. Parker.—Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., in "Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Hornellsville Church".

Marcus Whitman and Narcissa Prentiss to unite with him in the Oregon mission. March 4, 1835, Mr. Parker again left Ithaca and was joined at St. Louis by Dr. Whitman. They traveled westward with the fur-traders' caravan until they reached southwestern Wyoming and conferred with the Flathead and Nez Perce Indians who were waiting for the missionaries. It was decided that Mr. Parker should go on, while Dr. Whitman should return for more missionaries, and come to Oregon in 1836.

Marcus Whitman, M. D.,* was born in Rushville, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1802. Looking to the ministry, he was persuaded by his brothers to become a physician. He graduated at the Fairfield (N. Y.) Medical Institute in 1824, and practiced four years in Canada. He then settled in Wheeler, N. Y., where he became an elder in the then existing Presbyterian Church. It was while practicing there that he met Mr. Parker and was persuaded to go to Oregon. Miss Narcissa Prentiss, when induced by Mr. Parker to go to the western mission, was a member of the Angelica Church. She was a daughter of Judge Stephen Prentiss, and the family until a short time before this lived in Prattsburg and were members of the Prattsburg Church. Dr. Whitman and Miss Prentiss, both having promised to give themselves to the Oregon mission, introduced by Mr. Parker, gave themselves to one another, and after a Sabbath evening service early in 1836 in the Angelica Church were married by the pastor Rev. Leverett Hull†. Rev. Henry H. Spalding was born in Bath, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1803, and at 22 united with the Prattsburg Church, where in the Franklin Academy he was trained for college. He graduated from Western Reserve College in 1832, and very soon married Miss Eliza Hart‡, also a student in the college, and a native of Holland

*See article "Dr. Whitman, Missionary to Oregon", by Rev. H. W. Parker, D. D., in "The Church at Home and Abroad", March, 1896. For a more detailed account see "The Story of Marcus Whitman", by Rev. J. G. Craighead, D. D., published by the Presbyterian Board.

†After the wedding occurred an affecting scene which is thus described in the "Golden Rule", Jan. 12, 1893: Some fifty years ago there took place in a rural town in New York, a simple service that touched the hearts of all who witnessed it. It had reference to the departure of a missionary for Oregon. The missionary was a young lady, greatly beloved in the town of her residence. She was a member of the choir. A hymn, then familiar, was given out by the minister, beginning, "Yes, my native land, I love thee". As it was being sung many of the singers were deeply affected, and one by one ceased to sustain the simple melody. The young missionary found herself at last singing quite alone—

"Scenes of sacred peace and pleasure.

Holy days and Sabbath bell,

Richest, brightest, sweetest pleasure,

Can I say a last farewell?"

Years afterward this incident was distinctly recalled when it was announced that this woman's influence as the wife of the pioneer missionary had much contributed in bringing to the United States a territory larger in extent than Great Britain and Ireland, and nearly four times as large as New England. This vast region is now known as Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

‡For incidents in the lives of Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Spalding see article "Three Heroines of the Nez Perces Mission", by Rev. F. F. Ellinwood, D. D., in the "Missionary Review," March, 1894. An error in this article is that of placing the Whitman-Prentiss marriage at Penn Yan. The records of the Angelica Church show that "Stephen Prentiss and Clarissa, his wife, Narcissa, Clarissa, Harriet R., and Edward W., their children", were received into the church Sept. 27, 1835. They remained members as many entries show until May 9, 1842, when they were dismissed to the Cuba Church. The following is a record of a meeting Feb. 18, 1836: "The church met agreeable to previous notice for the ordination of elders elect, when the following persons were set apart to this office in due form and order, to-wit: Stephen Prentiss, Jacob Schoonover, and Charles Patrick. And session ordered a letter to our sister, Narcissa Prentiss, who is destined to the missions beyond the Rocky Mountains. Adjourned. Closed with prayer. L. Hull, Moderator". This puts beyond possibility of doubt the fact that the Prentiss family at the time of the marriage lived in Angelica and that the wedding took place in Angelica. Mr. George H. Hull, of New York City, son of Rev. and Mrs. Leverett Hull, has discovered among his mother's papers letters from Mrs. Whitman written on the journey westward and after reaching the mission field. These letters are both interesting and important.



MARCUS WHITMAN, M. D.

There is no authentic likeness of Dr. Whitman in existence. This is the final result of an attempt to reproduce his appearance from the recollections and criticisms of many who knew him. The plate was loaned by Rev. D. J. McMillan, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterian Home Mission Board, New York.

Patent, N. Y. Mr. Spalding* studied for the ministry at Lane Seminary under Dr. Lyman Beecher and Mrs. Spalding studied with him. Ordained by Bath Presbytery in 1835, Mr. and Mrs. Spalding were on the way to enter upon an appointment of the American Board as missionaries to the Osage Indians in Western New York when they were overtaken by Dr. Marcus Whitman. Dr. Whitman proposed that they should go with him to Oregon. Question and answer passed between the two conveyances in rapid succession until they reached Howard, N. Y., where in a private room in a tavern Mr. and Mrs. Spalding yielded to Dr. Whitman's proposition. The Whitmans and Spaldings proceeded to their work together, Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Spalding being the first white women to cross the Rockies. Dr. Whitman succeeded in taking a wagon over the mountains to Oregon. In 1842 there came to Dr. Whitman, busy-ing himself in his mission work among the Indians, news that the Oregon territory, then undefined country between the United States, the Pacific, and Great Britain, was about to be "traded off to England for a cod-fishery in Newfoundland". Oct. 3, 1842, in the face of a Rocky mountain winter, and at the risk of being dismissed by the American Board for his unauthorized deed, he started on horseback for Washington to remonstrate with President Tyler and Secretary of State Daniel Webster. After terrible sufferings he reached St. Louis, and pressed on to Washington, reaching there March 3, 1843. It is now clearly apparent that his representations at Washington, and the large emigration to Oregon in 1843 of which he was the moving spirit†—875 persons, 111 wagons, and about 2,000 horses and cattle—saved the Oregon country to the United States. November 29, 1847, Dr. and Mrs. Whitman with thirteen others were brutally murdered by evil disposed Indians. The Spaldings living 110 miles away escaped but were obliged to give up their work. Later in life Mr. Spalding returned and before his death, Aug. 3, 1874, received into the church very nearly 1000 Indians.

*See article "Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Spalding: Their Life and Work", by Rev. G. L. Deffenbaugh, in "The Church at Home and Abroad", August, 1897.

† "It was October, forty-two,
When the clattering hoof-beats died away
On the Walla Walla, that fateful day.
It was September, forty three—
Little less than a year, you see—
When the woman who waited, thought she heard
The clatter of hoof-beats that she knew
On the Walla Walla again. "What word
From Whitman?" Whitman himself! And see!
What do her glad eyes look upon?
The first of two hundred wagons roll
Into the valley before her. He,
Who, a year ago, had left her side,
Had brought them over the Great Divide—
Men, women, and children, a thousand souls—
The Army to occupy Oregon."

—From "Whitman's Ride," by Alice Wellington Rollins.

Rev. Joseph L. Whiting, for the last 28 years a missionary of the Presbyterian Board at Pekin, China, went out from the Jasper Church. Rev. Albert W. Hubbard, since 1873 a missionary of the American Board at Sivas, Turkey, was born in Cameron. He is a son of Chauncey P. Hubbard, once prominent in the Cameron Church, and later an elder in the Woodhull Church, and a brother of Chauncey G. Hubbard, M. D., an elder in the Hornellsville 1st Church. For a time he supplied the Woodhull Church. Just before sailing for Turkey Mr. Hubbard was married to Miss Emma Spencer, a daughter of Judge Spencer, of Corning. In 1876 Miss Olive Whiting went from the Jasper Church to Japan as a missionary of the Presbyterian Board. Four years later she was married to Rev. Charles Bishop of the Methodist Church. Miss Mary W. Niles, M. D., who grew up in the Corning and Hornellsville Churches where her father, Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., was pastor, has been since 1888, when she went to Canton, China, as a medical missionary, the esteemed missionary of the Woman's Presbyterial Society. Her work is followed by the churches as that of no other missionary. Rev. Gilbert Reid, who has succeeded marvelously in interesting Li Hung Chang and many other high Chinese officials in an "International Institute" for China to be situated at Pekin, and who has succeeded in winning for this work the services of Rev. William A. P. Martin, D. D., LL.D., for so many years President of the Imperial Tungwen College in Pekin, went out from the Angelica Church. His father was pastor of the Angelica Church from 1868 to 1874, and he himself ministered to this church the summer immediately preceding his departure for China. Mr. Reid was ten years a missionary of the Presbyterian Board at Chinanfu, China, before entering upon his present mission to the higher classes.

Two Presbyterian missionaries in Siam are claimed by the Howard Church—Rev. A. Willard Cooper, and his sister, Miss Larissa Cooper. Their father was pastor of the Howard Church from 1881 to 1885. Mr. Cooper was ordained by Steuben Presbytery at Corning Sept. 15, 1885. He reached Siam with his wife Jan. 15, 1886, but after sixteen months work Mrs. Cooper's health failed. For the sake of Mrs. Cooper they came to this country where Mrs. Cooper died in 1890. At his own request Mr. Cooper was returned by the Board as a missionary to Siam, his sister going with him as a companion. Very soon Miss Cooper became a teacher in the girl's school at Bangkok. Miss Jennie Ordway of Jasper was for a time a missionary of the Home Board at Salina, Utah, and later at Taos, New Mexico. A member of the Brazil Presbyterian mission is Rev. James B. Rodgers. He came to the Belmont Church as a graduate



MARCUS WHITMAN.

Statue on the front wall of the Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

of Auburn Seminary in June, 1888, and after service as a pastor there until the fall of 1889, sailed for Brazil and is stationed at Riachwelo, 12 miles from Rio de Janeiro. Rev. Joseph P. White, who supplied the Howard Church during 1894, had been with his wife for two years in mission work among the miners of Juneau, Alaska, and Rev. Hezekiah Webster, the present pastor of the Howard Church, was from 1874 to 1877 a tutor in Robert College at Constantinople. Rev. Frank P. Gilman, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church at Hainan, China, supplied the Belmont Church during the seminary vacation of 1883. From 1885 to 1888 Rev. Duncan Cameron, pastor of the Canisteo Church from 1889 to 1897, was a Presbyterian missionary in Chili, South America. The wife of Rev. Courtney H. Fenn, since 1893 a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Pekin, China, was Miss Alice May of Corning, and Mr. Fenn himself is a grandson of Rev. Robert E. Willson, once pastor of the Hammondsport Church, and later, of the Corning Church.

THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

The Woman's Presbyterial Society was organized in Corning April 18, 1876. The report of the first secretary, Mrs. James McBurney, reads thus: "The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dr. W. A. Niles, Hornellsville, and held in the parlors of the Presbyterian church. It was opened with a devotional service". A noticeable feature was the presence of the pastor's wife and the wives of three former pastors, Mrs. M. L. P. Hill, Mrs. Wm. A. Niles, Mrs. Darwin Chichester, and Mrs. F. W. Graves. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Wm. A. Niles, Hornellsville; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. F. W. Graves, Corning, Mrs. Fairchild, Hammondsport, Mrs. Sturdevant, Prattsburg, and Mrs. N. K. Hyatt, Pulteney; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. N. C. Taylor, Canisteo; Recording Secretary, Mrs. James McBurney, Corning; Treasurer, Miss Lillie Clark, Hammondsport; Auditor, Mrs. Judson, Prattsburg.

Seventeen of the 21 churches in the presbytery organized societies auxiliary to the Presbyterial Society during the first two years of its existence. In the fall of 1876 a semi-annual meeting of the society was held in Hornellsville in connection with the meeting of synod. The following named returned missionaries were present: Mrs. Dr. H. S. West, Sivas, Turkey; Rev. George W. Coan, Persia; and Rev. Maxwell Phillips, Mexico City. At the semi-annual meeting in Pulteney, Sept. 10, 1878, Miss Kelsey, medical missionary to China, was adopted as the missionary of the society and so remained until her resignation in 1881. Since then Miss Mary W. Niles, M. D.,

of Canton, China, has been the beloved foreign representative of the society. The home work has been changed many times. The society has helped build school houses, pay teachers' salaries, send children to school—in fact, whatever was laid out for it to do. At present the society is interested in the work in Alaska, in the Ashville Farm School, and in the Haines Normal and Industrial Institute in Augusta, Ga. In 1895 the society published a Silver Jubilee memorial of "Missionaries from the Presbytery of Steuben".

The Presbyterian Society has been of great benefit to the workers in the local societies in bringing them together once a year—sometimes semi-annually. The attendance at the annual meeting, has not depended on the presence of a foreign speaker. Nevertheless, it has been the privilege of those in attendance to see face to face some of the well-known workers in both the home and foreign fields. In addition to those already mentioned, the following have been present at society meetings: Mr. and Mrs. Tracy, Turkey; Mr. McKinnie; Mrs. W. H. Niles, Texas; Miss Loring, Syria; Mrs. D. E. Finks, now editor of the "Home Mission Monthly"; Miss Alice Barber, who told about "Our Sort of Folks"; Miss Mary W. Niles, M. D., Canton, China, missionary of the society; Mrs. Condit, San Francisco; Miss Alice Robertson, Indian Territory; Rev. Gilbert Reid, Peking, China; Mrs. L. A. Davis, Kansas; Miss Fanny Perley, Allahabad, India; Miss Babbitt, Mynpurie, India; and Miss Mary L. Cort, Siam.

The presidents of the society have been: Mrs. William A. Niles, Hornellsville, (three times chosen), Mrs. P. M. Olney, Addison, Mrs. M. G. Hill, Corning, Mrs. Samuel W. Pratt, Campbell, Mrs. James M. Platt, Bath, Mrs. Joel D. Gillet, Addison, Mrs. Ziba N. Bradbury, Pulteney, Mrs. Nathaniel C. Taylor, Canisteo, Mrs. Benton McConnell, Hornellsville, Mrs. Francis A. Williams, Corning, Mrs. James R. Robinson, Painted Post, and Mrs. Edgar P. Salmon, Campbell.

Meetings of the society have been held with the churches in Addison, Almond, Bath, Campbell, Canisteo, Cohocton, Corning, Cuba, Hammondsport, Hornellsville, Painted Post, Prattsburg, and Pulteney. Campbell has entertained five meetings of the society.

In the year 1878, at the meeting in Pultney, we find the amount of contributions reported to be \$1,053.18 as against \$512.52 in 1876—the societies having doubled their offerings in two years. The banner year for offerings was 1894, when in spite of financial depression the sum given was \$2,000. The increase of gifts was in a measure due to individual offerings from consecrated workers in Addison and Hornellsville, and to extra gifts from the Mission Bands.



Miss MARY W. NILES, M. D., Canton, China.

COMMUNICANTS REPORTED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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Sketches of Existing Churches.

THE PRATTSBURG CHURCH (1804-1897).

The Prattsburg Church* was the first organized, and to 1870 the largest in membership, of the churches now in Steuben Presbytery. The pioneer of Prattsburg was Capt. Joel Pratt, a Congregationalist, and his nephew, Jared Pratt, was the first permanent settler. Those who came first were largely Congregationalists and every settler for some years was taxed for the church†. Mr. John Niles came with his family in 1803. He had been principal of Clinton Academy—now Hamilton College—and was a Congregational licentiate. The Sabbath after his arrival he conducted at Jared Pratt's house the first service held in the town. June 26, 1804, a Congregational church of 15 members was organized at the house of John Niles by Rev. Timothy Field of Canandaigua. Mr. Niles received ordination from the Ontario Association June 11, 1806. He gave one half of his time to Prattsburg and the other half to Bath until 1808‡ when he removed to Bath. Previous to Mar. 6, 1839, the government of this church was purely Congregational. From that date it was governed by a standing committee chosen by ballot in classes annually, of which the pastor was chairman. Nov. 18, 1868, elders were elected and the church became fully Presbyterian.

In 1840 the membership was 378. By 1876 there had been received into membership 1,367. This church gave about \$1,400 for Anburn Theological Seminary at its founding in 1820. Rev. James H. Hotchkiss and Judge Robert Porter were members of the original Board of Commissioners§. In this church were reared Henry H.

* See "History of Western New York," by Rev. James H. Hotchkiss, pp. 463-467; "Centennial Sermon", by Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, published in "Prattsburg News-Extra", July 6, 1876; and "History of the Settlement of Steuben County", by Guy H. McMaster, pp. 125-130.

† "Mr. Pratt had determined to form a church as well as a town. * * * With a view to the accomplishment of this object, he required every person to whom he sold land, to give a note to the amount of \$15 on each 100 acres of land purchased by him, payable within a given time, with the legal interest annually, till paid to the trustees of the religious society which should be formed".—McMaster.

‡ The following resolution brings to mind the fact that the fathers kept Saturday night: "Voted, Oct. 11, 1808, that the members of the church will not attend raisings or other similar associations on Saturday in the afternoon". Deacon Loomis was diligent in prosecuting all who traveled on Sunday in the township. The outside world called the Prattsburg people "Blue Presbyterians".—Rev. Samuel W. Pratt.

§ As president of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Hotchkiss presided Oct. 9, 1821 when the first professors of the Seminary were installed.

Spalding, Dr. Marcus Whitman's associate, and Narcissa Prentiss who shortly after leaving Prattsburg became Mrs. Whitman. Besides a score of ministers' wives, the following have gone out from this church: Silas C. Brown, David Judson, Beriah B. Hotchkin, John W. Hopkins, Edmund F. Waldo, Theron Loomis, Henry H. Spalding, William Beardslee, David Malin, D. D., Robert L. Porter, Charles W. Gurney, Edward Prentiss, Levi Waldo, Cyrus C. Rosenkrants, James M. McLean, Joel Wakeman, D. D., Silas F. Judson, George Southworth, Platt H. Skinner, Edwin S. Skinner, David F. Judson, J. Merrill Manning, D. D., John E. Benton, Norman Prentiss, James H. Phelps, Theron L. Waldo, and Theodore B. Williams*.

In 1806 a building was raised which cost \$220. In 1808 it was enlarged. In 1820 this building was sawn apart from the ridge of the roof, one-half moved 11 feet out, and the space built up anew. So it remained until the present edifice was built, which was dedicated Feb. 13, 1828, and cost about \$4,000†. In 1880 the interior was remodeled and the spire rebuilt, at a cost of \$6,000, including furnishing. The manse was built in 1832-3 at an expense of \$850.

The following is a list of the ministers: John Niles, 1803-8; James H. Hotchkin, P., 1809-30‡; George R. Judd, P., 1830-36; Samuel Griswold, 1836-7; B. Foster Pratt, P., 1838-41; Aaron Judson, 1841-3; Benjamin C. Smith, P., 1844-59; David D. Gregory, P., 1860-6; D. Henry Palmer, D. D., 1867-71; Samuel W. Pratt, 1872-6; Frederick D. Seward, 1877-9; Lawrence M. Stevens, 1879-87; John M. Wolcott, 1887-90; and George W. Warren, P., 1890 to the present time.

The following have served as elders: Charles G. Higby, U. Tracy Carpenter, Luther Sturdevant, John D. Hotchkin, Paul C. Howe, Wm. S. Foster, Martin Miner, James H. Hotchkin, Ashman Daboll,

* That so many ministers and ministers' wives have gone out from Prattsburg is explained by the fact that Franklin Academy was there—from the first as now standing close by the church. Its origin was almost wholly due to members of the Presbyterian church. In 1822 the question of an academy was agitated. In 1823 the inhabitants of Prattsburg voluntarily taxed themselves \$2,000 for the erection of this academy, besides raising over \$3,000 for a permanent fund. The Regents' charter of Franklin Academy bears the date Feb. 25, 1824. In 1868 this institution became Franklin Academy and Union Free School.

† There never was any stove in the old church. Mr. Hotchkin used often to preach with striped mittens on. The women used foot-stoves—the men endured it as best they could. Members of the church carried on distilleries in those days but drunkenness was disciplined. Ten gallons of whiskey were once given to Mr. Hotchkin at a donation.—Rev. Samuel W. Pratt

‡ With the exception of a year or two he gave his life after 1809 to Steuben County. He was born Feb. 23, 1781, at Cornwall, Conn., and died at Prattsburg, Sept. 2, 1851. Rev. Beriah Hotchkin was his father. He graduated from Williams College in 1800. He may be said to have been the father of Bath Presbytery. His monumental work is his "History of Western New York"—invaluable for information concerning the beginnings of Presbyterianism and Congregationalism in Western New York, the organization of all the presbyteries and associations, and sketches of all Presbyterian churches organized before 1846. It was published in 1848. For the resolution on death of Hotchkin, see minutes of Bath Presbytery, Jan. 3, 1852.

Stephen A. Jackson, Elias Wygant, DWIGHT S. COOK*, JOHN A. PARKER, D. Webster Baldwin, ADDISON AINSWORTH, Henry J. Pinneo, GEORGE W. HOWE, Edward P. St. John, SEBASTIAN G. LEWIS, and HENRY G. SKINNER.

June 10, 1806, the church was enrolled in Ontario Association. Sept. 21, 1813, it was received into Geneva Presbytery, in 1817 into Bath Presbytery, and since 1862 it has belonged to Steuben Presbytery. The following stated presbytery meetings have been held here: *Bath*—1817, 1821-3-7, 1833, 1842-5-7, 1850-2, and 1861. *Steuben*—1865, 1870-3, 1882, and 1890. Presbytery has selected from Prattsburg the following commissioners to General Assembly: Rev. James H. Hotchkin, Philadelphia, 1815-16, 1823, and 1826; Robert Porter, Philadelphia, 1816, and 1827; Stephen Prentiss, Philadelphia, 1819; Elam Bridges, Philadelphia, 1823, and 1831; Rev. George R. Rudd, Philadelphia, 1832; Jacob VanValkenburg, Philadelphia, 1833; Rev. B. Foster Pratt, Philadelphia, 1839; Rev. B. C. Smith, Detroit, 1850; James H. Hotchkin, Jr., Washington, 1852, Pittsburg, 1860, Cincinnati, 1862, and Chicago, 1877; Rev. David D. Gregory, Cincinnati, 1862; L. Sturdevant, Brooklyn, 1865; C. C. Baldwin, St. Louis, 1866; Paul C. Howe, New York, and Pittsburg, 1869, and Buffalo, 1881; Rev. D. Henry Palmer, D. D., Chicago, 1871; U. T. Carpenter, Baltimore, 1873; Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, Cleveland, 1875; and Rev. Lawrence M. Stevens, Cincinnati, 1885. Rev. James H. Hotchkin was stated clerk of Bath Presbytery from 1817 to 1830, Rev. George R. Rudd from 1830 to 1836, Rev. B. Foster Pratt from 1836 to 1843, and Rev. Benjamin C. Smith from 1852 to 1856. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized in 1886, the first in Steuben County, holding its first meeting Oct. 4, 1886.

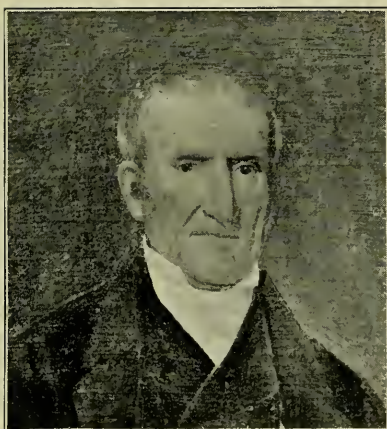
THE BATH CHURCH (1808-1897).

On Jan. 6, 1806, in the school house on Pulteney Square, Mr. John Niles, the Prattsburg Congregational licentiate, organized "The Bath† Religious Society". Mr. Niles visited this society frequently, and on Jan. 3, 1808, completed the church organization‡ by receiving 14 members, adopting the name "The Church of Christ in Bath, Presbyterian Congregation", choosing the Congre-

* Small capitals indicate the present elders. This holds true in all the following sketches of individual churches.

† Captain Williamson planned to make Bath the "Tyre of the West"—to divert traffic from the Mohawk and Hudson to the Cohocton, Chemung and Susquehanna.—See McMaster, "History of the Settlement of Steuben County", page 71.

‡ See "Historical Sermon", (1893), by Rev. Marcus N. Preston, in "Bath's Centennial"; "History of Western New York", by Rev. James H. Hotchkin, pp. 477-481; and "History of Steuben County", by Guy H. McMaster.



Elder MOSES VAN CAMPEN, Angelica.



Elder VIAL THOMAS, Angelica.



Elder JOSHUA SARGENT, Jasper.



Elder JOHN CORYELL, Pulteney.



Elder CHAUNCEY B. SMITH, Hornellsville.



Elder JOEL D. GILLET, Addison.

gational form of government, and electing Joseph Inslee and Samuel S. Haight deacons. The charter members were Joseph and Elizabeth Inslee, William and Elizabeth Aulls, James Turner, Eunice Johnson, Henry A. and Elizabeth Townsend, Howell and Eunice Bull, Robert Campbell, Mary Shether, and Samuel S. and Mary Haight. Rev. John Niles was installed pastor by a committee of the Ontario Association July 7, 1808. Sept. 18, 1811, the church was enrolled in Geneva Presbytery and shortly after by advice of presbytery became fully Presbyterian by electing as elders William Aulls, Elias Hopkins, Samuel S. Haight, Henry A. Townsend, and Howell Bull.

This is the only church now in presbytery which was "Old School". Aug. 28, 1837, probably due to the influence of Rev. Isaac W. Platt, a majority of the congregation voted to withdraw from Bath Presbytery and to seek admission to Susquehanna Presbytery (O. S.). A little later, 19 members and two of the three elders, desiring to retain connection with the neighboring churches in Bath Presbytery, withdrew and organized the Presbyterian Church of Bath (Constitutional). An edifice was erected in 1841 on the site of the present Purdy Opera House. This remained an independent church until in 1870 it was reunited to the original church. From about 1862 to 1870 it was a Congregational church. The following are the ministers who served it: William Strong, Oris Fraser, P., Hiram Gregg, Samuel Porter, Sabine McKinney, Loren W. Russ, P., George Hood, P., Edwin Benedict, H. E. Johnson, C. H. DeLong, and William Dewey. The elders who served were John Emerson, Ira Gould, John Dudley, Moses F. Whittemore, Daniel Seaver, Joseph Breck, and John Rose. During its existence this second church received 211 members.

The edifice used by the original church until 1874 was dedicated Mar. 2, 1825. In 1874 this was removed that the present stately church might be built. It was dedicated in 1877, having cost exclusive of the towers \$50,000. In 1894 the towers were raised at a cost of about \$12,000. During 1897 the auditorium and lecture room were extensively changed and beautified and a new organ purchased—all made possible by the generosity of the late John Davenport, and of his brother Ira Davenport. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized in 1886. Worthy of record is the success of the late Harry S. Hull, who gathered a class of young men into the Sunday School which averaged 100 in attendance each Sunday for 6 months.

Bath Church has belonged to the following presbyteries: Geneva, 1811-17; Bath, 1817-37; Susquehanna (O. S.), 1837-8; Caledonia (O. S.), 1838-42; Steuben (O. S.), 1842-53; Genesee River (O. S.),

1853-70; and Steuben, 1870 to the present. Exclusive of Old School meetings, Bath has entertained stated meetings of presbyteries as follows: *Geneva*—1814; *Bath*—1817, 1820, 1824, 1831, 1834, 1838, 1842, 1846, 1850, 1852, 1856, and 1861; *Steuben*—1870, 1877, 1886, and 1892. Exclusive of those chosen by Old School presbyteries, Bath has had commissioners to General Assembly as follows: Rev. John Niles, Philadelphia, 1812; Elias Hopkins, Philadelphia, 1812, 1816, and 1821; Samuel S. Haight, Philadelphia, 1812; Rev. David Higgins, 1820, and 1831; James G. Higgins, Philadelphia, 1832; Joseph Breck, Philadelphia, 1849; Rev. Edwin Benedict, New York, 1856; Rev. James M. Platt, D. D., Baltimore, 1873; Edwin H. Hastings, Madison, 1880; Zenas L. Parker, Minneapolis, 1886; and Rev. Marcus N. Preston, Portland, 1892. Rev. Edwin Benedict was stated clerk of Bath Presbytery from 1857 to 1858; Rev. James M. Platt, D. D., of Steuben Presbytery from 1870 to 1884; and Rev. Marcus N. Preston of Steuben Presbytery from 1889 to 1896.

The following in the ministry have labored with this church: John Niles, P., 1808-12; David Higgins, P*, 1812-31; Isaac W. Platt, P., 1831-44; L. Merrill Miller, D. D., 1844-51; George D. Stewart, D. D., 1851-9; William E. Jones, D. D., 1859-64; James M. Harlow, 1864-9; James M. Platt, D. D., P., 1869-84; Marcus N. Preston, 1884-96; and Charles Noble Frost, P., 1896 to the present time.

The list of elders is as follows: William Aulls, Elias Hopkins, Samuel S. Haight, Henry A. Townsend, Howell Bull, Finia McLure, Lyman Hopkins, Thomas Aulls, Phinehas Warren, Peter Halsey, James G. Higgins, John Emerson, Samuel Rice, Ira Gould, Louis Biles, John W. Fowler, Gustavus A. Rogers, David McMaster, Edward Crosby, Samuel Ensign, ZENAS L. PARKER, A. H. OTIS, Edwin H. Hastings, Ambrose Kasson, M. D., Tenney K. Gage, Charles VanWie, JOHN F. PARKHURST, B. F. SMITH, SEBASTIAN G. LEWIS, EUGENE F. PARKER, JOHN H. BOWLBY, and HENRY O. ELKINS.

* "A short, rotund, sunshiny man".—Rev. S. M. Campbell, D. D., in "Sanctuary Memories". Mr. Higgins was a charter trustee of Auburn Seminary. He removed to Norwalk, Ohio, in 1835, and there died June 19, 1842, aged 81, in the 55th year of his ministry. For an appreciative sketch of Mr. Higgins, see Hotchkin's "History of Western New York", pp. 265-271.

THE COHOCTON CHURCH (1809-1897).

Though* the "Bivens Corners" settlement began about 1795, not a sermon was preached within the limits of the present town until 1807. But one Congregationalist lived there and no Presbyterians. In 1807 Elijah Parker and Stephen Crawford, New England Congregationalists, came with their families, and at once started religious services in their houses. Rev. Abijah Warren was engaged in June, 1809, to supply them one-third of his time for a year, and on Oct. 8, 1809, a Congregational church was organized by him with nine members—Elijah and Mertable Parker, Stephen and Ruth Crawford, Obadiah and Sybel Woodward, John and Jerusha Slack, and Martha Fowler. There was no edifice for about 20 years, services generally being held at the house of Horace Fowler. Jan. 30, 1821, the church was enrolled in Bath Presbytery, so remaining until in 1862 it came into Steuben Presbytery. Elijah Parker was the first deacon. In 1829 Horace Fowler and Constant Cook were elected trustees and a church built which was dedicated Feb. 3, 1830. In 1825 there were 46 members, and about 100 in 1830. To 1825 the supplies were Rev. A. C. Collins, "Father" Daniel Nash, Rev. Enoch Whipple, Rev. Mr. Ransom, Rev. Wm. Stone, Rev. Noah Smith, Rev. Joseph Crawford, and Rev. Stalham Clary. From 1825 to 1830 the supplies were Revs. Linus W. Billington, Jeremiah Pomeroy, James H. Hotchkin, and Sidney S. Brown.

From 1832 to 1868 were discouraging years. In 1846 there were but 27 members. From 1835 to 1850 the records have been lost. From 1843 to 1847 Rev. Stalham Clary supplied. In 1850 the church became Presbyterian, in 1853 Congregational again, and on Oct. 21, 1854, finally Presbyterian. Rev. Joseph Strough preached from 1850 to his death in June, 1854; then Rev. A. T. Wood for about two years; then Rev. J. Woodworth for over two years. From March, 1861, to 1869 Rev. M. B. Gelston of Naples preached occasionally.

The church was reorganized Aug. 6, 1869. The old edifice and a manse were sold and the proceeds devoted to a new church which was dedicated Nov. 14, 1872. At the same time Rev. Charles B. Austin was installed the first pastor, remaining until Feb. 27, 1876. Rev. John Waugh came July 15, 1878, was installed Nov. 7, 1878, and remained pastor until Apr. 3, 1893. He died in Cohocton Oct. 20, 1897, aged 83. The 50th anniversary of his ordination was celebrated in Cohocton in July, 1890. In 1889-90 the church was

* Most of the facts of this sketch were furnished by J. Leonard Waugh.

repaired. The manse was built in 1879. In Oct., 1893, Rev. Frank S. Swan, M. D., the present pastor, began his work. In 1895, mainly by the effort of Edgar A. Higgins, a chapel was added to the church. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized in 1887.

Besides Elijah Parker, these have been deacons: Stephen Crawford, Horace Fowler, Allers Haight, Calvin Blood, and Alphonso Bacon. The following were ordained elders in the years named: 1850, Dennis Conner, Abram Waugh, and A. A. Slack; 1855, Calvin Blood; 1856, C. V. K. Woodworth; 1859, Charles W. Bronson, and Melvin H. Davis; 1864, A. H. Bacon; 1869, Philip C. Hoag; 1881, Samuel F. Woodworth, and THOMAS B. FOWLER, M. D.; 1897, CLIFFORD M. CROUCH, and SAMUEL J. DEPEW.

Cohocton has had stated meetings of Bath Presbytery in 1825, 1829, 1851, 1856, and 1858, and of Steuben Presbytery in 1875, 1878, 1885, and 1897. The following from Cohocton have been commissioners to General Assembly: Abram Waugh, Utica, 1851, and Chicago, 1858; Calvin Blood, New York, 1856; Philip C. Hoag, Cleveland, 1875; Rev. John Waugh, Saratoga, 1884; Samuel F. Woodworth, Cincinnati, 1885; and Thomas B. Fowler, M. D., Saratoga, 1890.

THE CORNING CHURCH (1811-1897).

This church* was known originally as the First Presbyterian Church of Painted Post. During 1810 the people of Painted Post township engaged Rev. Clement Hickman to preach to them and July 1, 1811, a Presbyterian church was organized by Rev. John Niles of Bath. Aug. 19, 1812, it was enrolled in Geneva Presbytery and Aug. 25, 1812, Rev. Clement Hickman was ordained and installed. The church included members in all parts of Painted Post township—now Hornby, Campbell, Erwin, Corning, Lindley, and Caton. Meetings were held in different places to accommodate a larger number. From 1816 to 1821 there was no minister and a part of the time no Sabbath service, but owing to the devotion of some women—among them Mrs. Bonham, Mrs. Ann McCall, and Mrs. John McBurney—the prayer meeting and Sabbath School were maintained. When William Steele came, already an elder, regular worship was established. While Rev. Thomas Lounsbury ministered the field extended from Big Flats to Campbell and the labors of the Sabbath were divided between three or four settlements. In 1831-2 during the ministry of Rev. David Higgins 60 were added to the

* Many of the facts for this sketch were furnished by Rev. Alfred J. Hutton, D. D. See Hotchkiss, "History of Western New York", pp. 451-454.



Elder SOLOMON CLARK, Hammondspont.



Elder MOSES LOCKHART, Almond.



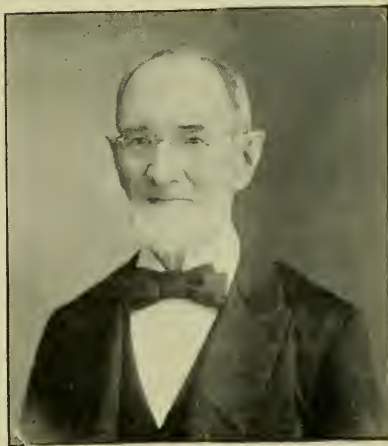
Elder GEORGE KARR, Almond.



Elder HENRY A. MEAD, Cuba.



Elder CHARLES J. CHATFIELD, Painted Post.



Elder ZENAS L. PARKER, Bath.

church. About this time the first edifice was built in what is now the 5th Ward at a cost of \$2,000 and dedicated free from debt. Under the ministry of Rev. Samuel M. Hopkins, afterwards for 50 years professor of Church History in Auburn Seminary, a new church was built on the south side of the river for \$2,700 and dedicated clear of debt Apr. 28, 1842. Aug. 10, 1843, the name was changed to that of the First Presbyterian Church of Corning.

Early in 1845 a second church was organized under the old name, Painted Post 1st, from 46 members who presented letters from the Corning Church. Rev. Horatio Pattengill, D. D., was the only pastor, and Apr. 2, 1849, it was reunited to the parent church. In 1853, during the ministry of Rev. Robert E. Willson, Rev. Samuel D. Burchard, D. D., assisted in special meetings and 84 were added at one communion. During the ministry of Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., there were two revivals—one in 1864, and another in 1866 when Rev. E. P. Hammond assisted and 80 were received into membership. In 1867, during Dr. Niles' ministry, the present church edifice was erected at a cost of \$50,000. During Rev. John S. Bacon's ministry, the manse was built on the site of a former manse. It is valued at about \$7,000.

The following have gone out from this church to the ministry or mission field: Robert F. Sample, D. D., Phinehas Wolcott Calkins, Frederick Calkins, William Henry Niles, Miss Mary W. Niles, M. D., of China, Mrs. Emma Spencer Hubbard, of Turkey, Thomas H. Hedges, and Horace Pond. A Young People's Society organized in 1866 was reorganized Apr. 1, 1889, into the Y. P. S. C. E. The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1876, the Young Ladies' Missionary Society in 1879, and the Busy Bees in 1883.

From 1812 to 1817 this church belonged to Geneva Presbytery, from 1817 to 1836 to Bath Presbytery, from 1836 to 1862 to Chemung Presbytery, and since then it has been a part of Steuben Presbytery. Corning has had the following stated meetings of presbyteries: *Bath*—1822, and 1834; *Chemung*—1837, 1842, 1851, and 1858; *Steuben*—1864, 1867, 1872, 1876, 1885, 1889, and 1895. The following commissioners to General Assembly have been selected from Corning: William Steele, Philadelphia, 1822, 1824, and 1829; John C. Hayt, Philadelphia, 1838; Rev. Robert E. Willson, St. Louis, 1855; Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., St. Louis, 1866, and Philadelphia, 1870; William D. Terbell, M. D., Rochester, 1867; Francis A. Williams, Detroit, 1872, and Saratoga, 1883; Henry C. May, M. D., Brooklyn, 1876; Rev. M. L. P. Hill, D. D., Saratoga, 1879; Rev. John S. Bacon, Saratoga, 1890; and Edward Clisdell, Portland, 1892. Rev. John Smith was stated clerk of Chemung Presbytery from 1836 to 1840, and Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., of Steuben Presbytery from 1865 to 1870.

The following ministers have served this church: Clement Hickman, 1810-16; Thomas Lounsbury, 1821-3; — Gilbert, 1822-5; Reuben Sanborn, 1826-7; David Harrowar, 1828-9; David Higgins, 1831-2; John Barton, 1832-5; John Smith, 1836-8; F. W. Graves, 1839; Samuel M. Hopkins, D. D., P., 1840-2; Joshua B. Graves, P., 1842-7; Job Pierson, D. D., 1847-9; Asahel L. Brooks, P., 1849-51; Robert E. Willson, P., 1851-5; Darwin Chichester, P., 1856-9; William A. Niles, D. D., P. E., 1859-72; Anson G. Chester, D. D., 1872-5; M. L. Perine Hill, D. D., P. E., 1875-83; John S. Bacon, P. E., 1883-93; and Alfred J. Hutton, D. D., P., 1895 to the present.

The records of the church from 1811 to 1834 have been lost, and in part from 1845 to 1847. The following is a list of the elders as complete as can be made: William Steele, John Sample, Henry H. Matthews, John C. Hayt, Phinehas Little, Dyer Ford, Eliphalet S. Rose, William S. Miller, Lemuel H. Robinson, Elijah Judd, Bradford A. Potter, Jared A. Redfield, Nathan Tidd, Charles E. Osborne, Alanson Edwards, William D. Terbell, Schuyler Johnson, Cornelius T. Putney, Levi W. Rowley, Richard C. West, Thomas Ambler, URIAH D. HOOD, Gilbert E. Burton, Henry M. Hyde, Lewis Davenport, George Thompson, Zenas L. Parker, Charles VanAme, Henry C. May, Francis A. Williams, Justin M. Smith, John N. Hungerford, Edward Clisdell, W. S. Dickinson, James Henderson, CYRUS S. HOOD, CHARLES E. BENEDICT, FRANK G. OSBORNE, NEVILLE E. WAITE, REUBEN F. ROUSE, WILLIAM T. SMITH, HARRY C. HEERMANS, and THOMAS H. APPLEBY.

THE ALMOND CHURCH (1812-1897).

In* 1796 or 1797 a Dutch Reformed Church was organized in Almond (then Alfred) by Rev. Andrew Gray†—the first church organization in Steuben or Allegany. About 1804 services were discontinued. Within the limits of Hornellsville lived Judge George Hornell, in "the old red house". It was for his father that Hornellsville was named. In the red house in 1808 Rev. Samuel Parker, a young missionary and later the founder of the Oregon Mission, held services. Mr. Hornell urged that a minister be sent to reside on the field and as a result of Mr. Parker's effort Rev. Robert Hubbard, a Congregational licentiate, came in 1811 to Almond and An-

* Rev. Frank H. Bisbee furnished many facts for this sketch.

† "Judge Philip Church described him as a 'broad-shouldered man, of extraordinary muscular power,' and said 'I remember his getting so earnest on one occasion when preaching in Angelica, in enforcing religious precepts upon his back-woods congregation, that in his gestures he knocked to pieces our store desk that we gave him for a pulpit'.—"Allegany County History". (1896).

gelica. May 5, 1812, as a result of Mr. Hubbard's work, Rev. John Niles of Bath organized the Alfred (Almond) Presbyterian Church, the oldest church in Allegany County. The leading members were those who had belonged to the earlier Dutch Reformed Church. 21 members were received—the name of George Hornell, a son of Judge Hornell, being the first recorded. The original field of the Almond Church included Arkport and Hornellsville. Henry McHenry, Samuel Kerr, and Christopher Hurlbut were ordained elders on the day of organization. Angelica Church, organized next day, was grouped with Almond, and Rev. Robert Hubbard, on Aug. 20, 1812, was ordained by Geneva Presbytery and installed pastor of both. Samuel Kerr was chosen deacon. The session apparently failed to keep any records until 1827.

Almond has been favored with many revivals and the church for many years was the strongest in presbytery. In 1831 nearly 100 were received; in 1834, about 30; in 1837, 48; in 1843, 27; in 1845, 26; and in 1854 about 84. In 1860 there were 375 members. The first edifice, built in 1814 on the present manse lot, is now a part of S. S. Karr's barn. The present church was erected in 1835 for about \$3,000, enlarged in 1851, and repaired and modernized in 1873. In 1848 the "Gospel lot" of 100 acres, presented by the Pulteney estate to the first religious organization in the township, was sold and the manse built. The estimated value of the church is \$5,000 and of the manse \$1,500. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized about 1889.

The following have been ordained elders: In 1812, Henry McHenry, Samuel Kerr, and Christopher Hurlbut; in 1832, James Hurlbut, Christopher Cary, and Rufus Whitney; in 1837, George Karr, Moses Lockhart, Philip McHenry, Philip Ferry, and A. L. Cady; in 1846, Wm. Hyde, and Robert H. Coleman; in 1849, E. W. Ewers; in 1868, John Hamlin; in 1873, Hiram Karr, GEORGE BENJAMIN, and NEWTON S. CARTER; and in 1887, WALTER KARR, and JOHN B. FERRY.

From 1812 to 1817 the church was enrolled in Geneva Presbytery; from 1817 to 1828 in Bath Presbytery; from 1828 to 1859 in Angelica Presbytery; from 1859 to 1886 in Genesee Valley Presbytery; and since 1886 in Steuben Presbytery. Rev. Moses Hunter* was

* "Mr. Hunter was regarded as somewhat eccentric. He had an idea that the church was vastly too much conformed to the world, especially in dress, and gave a specimen of what men's dress ought to be. For winter he would have the cloth made of wool, equally mixed with natural black and white wool, well woven, but without any coloring or dressing, such as was called at that day sheep's grey. The coat was made straight up and down with a narrow standing collar, and held (I think) around the body by a girdle".—Mowry Thacher, in "Semi-Centennial of Hornellsville Church". Mr. Hunter's appearance in General Assembly in this homespun dress made him somewhat a home missionary lion. Mr. Hunter later with a Rev. Dr. Nelson, founded the "Mission Institute," at Quincy, Ill. Mr. Hunter when in Almond received pupils into his home. Among these in 1836 was a boy of 12 who later became Rev. Samuel M. Campbell, D. D. See "Evangelist", Jan. 14, 1897.

stated clerk of Angelica Presbytery from 1828 to 1839, and Rev. Joel Wakeman, D. D., from 1846 to 1852; Rev. Isaac G. Ogden of Genesee Valley Presbytery from 1859 to 1870; and Rev. Dwight K. Steele from 1883 to 1884. Almond has had stated meetings of presbyteries as follows: *Bath*—1818, and 1826; *Angelica*—1832, 1841, 1846, 1848, 1850, 1853, and 1856; *Genesee Valley*—1859, 1865, 1869, 1873, 1879, and 1883; and *Steuben*—1887. The following have been chosen from Almond commissioners to General Assembly: Rev. Robert Hubbard, Philadelphia, 1819, and 1825; James Hurlbut, Philadelphia, 1834, and 1843; Rev. Moses Hunter, Philadelphia, 1835; Rev. Joel Wakeman, D. D., Philadelphia, 1846, Detroit, 1850, and New York, 1856; A. L. Cady, M. D., Philadelphia, 1846; Robert H. Coleman, Detroit, 1850, and Cincinnati, 1862; George Karr, Harrisburg, 1868; Rev. Isaac G. Ogden, Philadelphia, 1870; and Rev. Dwight K. Steele, Pittsburg, 1878.

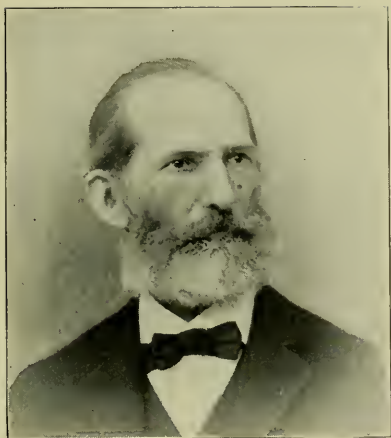
Those who have served in the ministry are the following: Robert Hubbard*, P., 1812–29; James Cahoon; Moses Hunter, P., 1833–9; Abiel Parmelee, 1839–44; Joel Wakeman, D. D., P., 1844–65; Gustavus R. Alden, P., 1866–7; Isaac G. Ogden, 1867–71; Joel Wakeman, D. D., 1872–4; Dwight K. Steele, P., 1875–85; D. Mizener, 1885–6; Lester S. Boyce, P., 1887–9; Ziba N. Bradbury, 1889–91; J. D. Hillman, 1892–3; and Frank H. Bisbee, P., 1894 to the present time.

THE ANGELICA CHURCH (1812–1897).

“On the 6th day of May 1812 a Church was formed at Angelica by Mr. Niles when the following persons became members, viz.: Moses VanCampen, James Renwick, David Chamberlain, Peggy VanCampen, Prudence Johnson. Moses VanCampen was chosen and ordained as ruling elder in the Church on the same day”. Such is the first entry in the minutes. “Mr. Niles” was the Rev. John Niles of Bath—“Moses VanCampen” the famous pioneer, Major VanCampen. The Almond Church had been organized by Mr. Niles the day before and the two were grouped together. On Aug. 20, 1812, the Presbytery of Geneva ordained and installed Rev. Robert Hubbard†, who came in 1811, pastor of both churches. From 1845 to 1849 the Congregational form of government was used and for convenience again from 1857 to 1859. The church grew slowly until 1835 when

*Died at Canisteo May 24, 1840, aged 57. For James H. Hotchkin's comments on Mr. Hubbard, see “History of Western New York”, pp. 95–97.

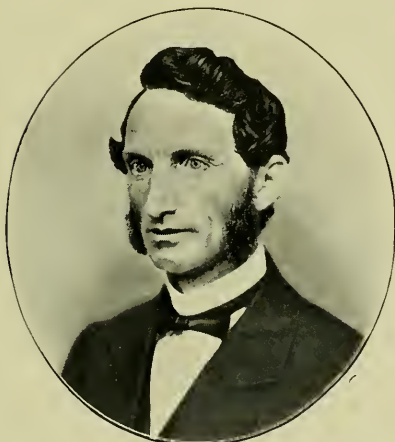
†“The installation services were held at Angelica, in the veranda of the house of Evert Van Wickle, Esq., [now H. S. Hastings'] the female part of the congregation being commoded with seats in the house, and most of the males in the open air in front of the house”.—Hotchkin, “History of Western New York,” p. 97.



Elder URIAH D. HOOD, Corning.



Elder CHARLES AMSDEN, Cuba.



Elder NATHANIEL C. TAYLOR, Canisteo.



Elder JOHN HURLBUT, Arkport.



Elder JOHN A. PRENTISS, Pulteney.



Elder CHARLES A. KNOX, Campbell.

as a result of special services conducted by Rev. Samuel W. May, assisted by Rev. Leverett Hull, about 90 were added—48 being received on March 6th. In 1840, 160 members were reported—the highest membership ever attained.

The first edifice was erected in 1829-31 on the lot next west of the residence of Hon. Fred A. Robbins. In this building early in 1836 Miss Narcissa Prentiss, a member of the church, was married by Rev. Leverett Hull to Marcus Whitman, M. D. It was sold in 1856 to the trustees of Angelica Academy and in 1868 burned. The present church was built in 1857 and remodeled for an organ in 1866. The manse property was purchased in 1859. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized May 29, 1890; and the Woman's Missionary Society Dec. 17, 1895. Three at least have gone out from this church to be successful workers—Rev. Asa S. Allen, who came from the Andover Church, Mrs. Marcus Whitman, who came from the Prattsburg Church, and Rev. Gilbert Reid, A. M., of Pekin, China.

The following have served in the eldership: Moses VanCampen, 1812-31; Vial Thomas, 1828-85; Samuel S. Haight, 1828-33; William Geiger, 1828-36; Asa S. Allen, 1833-7; Charles Patrick, 1836-43; Jacob Schoonover, 1836-41; Stephen Prentiss, 1836-42; Saxton Burr, 1852-79; Wm. B. Colson, 1852-60; H. S. Beals, 1859-75; A. B. Palmer, 1859-83; Alfred Lockhart, 1859-85; Wm. J. Niles, 1859-69; David L. Hunn, 1865-70; James Benham, 1865-—; J. E. Robinson, 1865-—; CHARLES P. ARNOLD, 1873-97; A. W. Chamberlain, 1873-3; C. C. Lovell, 1873-3; SPENCER WHITE, 1886-97; and Frederick A. Robbins, 1886-89.

The church was enrolled in Geneva Presbytery Aug. 19, 1812. It was transferred to Bath Presbytery in 1817, to Angelica Presbytery in 1828, to Genesee Valley Presbytery in 1859, and to Steuben Presbytery in 1886. The following stated presbytery meetings have been held in Angelica: *Bath*—1822; *Angelica*—1828-9, 1830-1, 1837-8, 1841, 1846, and 1854; *Genesee Valley*—1859, 1863-4, 1871, 1877, and 1886; and *Steuben*—1896. Angelica has furnished the following commissioners to General Assembly: Rev. Robert Hubbard, Philadelphia, 1819 and 1825; Rev. Moses Hunter, Philadelphia, 1828-9 and 1832; Samuel S. Haight, Philadelphia, 1829 and 1832; Rev. Samuel W. May, Philadelphia, 1834; Rev. Leverett Hull, Philadelphia, 1837; Stephen Prentiss, Philadelphia, 1837; Charles Patrick, Philadelphia, 1840; Rev. Tyrell Blair, Buffalo, 1853; Rev. Henry E. Niles, D. D., Wilmington, 1859; Wm. J. Niles, Pittsburg, 1860; Rev. E. W. Stoddard, D. D., Cincinnati, 1862; A. B. Palmer, Philadelphia, 1863; Alfred Lockhart, St. Louis, 1866, Pittsburg, 1869, Detroit, 1872, and Cleveland, 1875;

Charles P. Arnold, Springfield, 1882; and Rev. David McLeod, Minneapolis, 1886. Rev. Moses Hunter was stated clerk of Angelica Presbytery from 1828 to 1839, Rev. David McLeod of Genesee Valley Presbytery from 1885 to its dissolution, and Rev. James A. Miller, Ph. D., of Steuben Presbytery from 1896 to the present time.

The following have served this church in the ministry: Robert Hubbard, P., 1812-26; Moses Hunter*, P., 1827-33; Samuel W. May, 1833-5; Leverett Hull, P., 1835-7; Abiel Parmelee, 1838; O. W. Norton, 1839; Charles B. Smith, 1840; George M. Coan, 1841-2; James Smith, 1842; Leverett Hull, 1843-4; Horace Fraser, 1845-8; Francis V. Warren, 1849; Samuel Center, 1850; Tyrell Blair, P., 1850-5; Henry E. Niles, D. D., 1856-9; Elijah W. Stoddard, D. D., 1860-4; Elias L. Boing, P., 1864-7; John Reid, P., 1867-74; Eugene P. Cheeseman, 1874; Fred S. Hayden, 1874-7; Francis V. Warren, 1877; Robert R. Kendall, 1877-81; Gilbert Reid, 1882; David McLeod, P., 1883-9; and James A. Miller, Ph. D., P., 1890 to the present time.

THE HOWARD CHURCH (1815-1897).

Howard†, originally a part of Canisteo, was settled about 1805, but in 1811 there were not more than a dozen houses in the town. The first religious service was conducted by Rev. Samuel Parker. The Presbyterian church was organized by Rev. Enoch Whipple, a missionary, and Rev. David Higgins, of Bath, July 5, 1815, at the school house of the "Pond settlement" (Smith's Pond), three miles northeast of the present village. Rev. David Higgins preached from Acts 2:47. Seven were received by letter—"Roswel Tichner and Jane his wife, Robert Smith and Sarah his wife, David Smith and Sarah his wife, and Catherine the wife of Henry Pawling". Lewis (Ludowicus) Winne was received on examination. At this meeting the Presbyterian form of government was adopted. After the first entry no further records are preserved for over six years.

The first elders recorded were Elisha Wilber and Jacob Winne, chosen Feb. 12, 1822. These, with Israel Baldwin and Lewis Winne who had been chosen at a previous meeting, were ordained by Rev. David Higgins. Israel Baldwin was clerk of session from the first until 1860 when ill health compelled his resignation. For 20 years the congregation worshipped in the school house and dwelling houses

* Another man of considerable mark, who occasionally stopped with us for a sermon, was Rev. Moses Hunter. We would sometimes appoint preaching at sunrise, and what was more, the people would come. Then he would go on to Erwin Center and preach again, taking Painted Post by the way".—Rev. Samuel M. Campbell, D. D., in dedicatory sermon "Sanctuary Memories", at Campbell, in 1868.

† Most of the facts for this sketch were furnished by Rev. Hezekiah Webster.

near "the Pond". In 1835-6 an edifice was built in the village. The congregation owned 7 acres of land adjacent to the house of worship. In 1868 the manse was moved to its present site and repaired at a cost of \$1,770. In 1871 the church was renovated and a basement finished under it all, at a cost of \$4,400. The present value of the whole property is about \$4,000. During August, 1897, the church was damaged \$300 by lightning.

The church was enrolled in Bath Presbytery Aug. 29, 1820, and in 1862 became a part of Steuben Presbytery. The following stated meetings of presbytery have been held in Howard: *Bath*—1840, 1848, and 1857; *Steuben*—1863, 1874, 1884, and 1892. The following commissioners to General Assembly have been selected from this church: Rev. Levi Rose, Philadelphia, 1849; Rev. William R. Downs, Chicago, 1858; Rev. Ziba N. Bradbury, St. Louis, 1874; Martin Higgins, Saratoga, 1884; and Alonzo VanWie, Detroit, 1891.

There is a Woman's Missionary Society, and a Ladies' Aid Society. The Y. P. S. C. E., organized early in 1889, is a union society of the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches. Rev. A. Willard Cooper started for his mission field in Siam while his father was supplying this church, and Miss Larissa Cooper, his sister, also in Siam, was for a time a member of this church. In Howard village Dr. Marcus Whitman induced Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Spalding to exchange the Osage for the Oregon Mission. The following 21 men have been elders, ordained in the years given: 1822, Israel Baldwin, Ludowicus Winne, Elisha Wilber, and Jacob Winne; 1829, John Conner; 1833, Henry VanHousen, and David Stevenson; 1847, Samuel Rider; 1852, Edwin Shaver, and Isaac Baldwin; 1857, James Hoagland, and Alexander Conner; 1863, ANDREW SHARP, and ABRAM H. BALDWIN; 1869, ALONZO VANWIE, and Martin Higgins; 1871, HENRY J. VANWIE, and William S. Goff; 1875, Francis Otis; 1893, HENRY MCADAM; and 1895, JOHN W. WILLIS. In 1869 the rotary system of eldership was adopted.

Rev. Ziba N. Bradbury is the only installed pastor the church has had. He was ordained in this church upon graduation from the seminary, labored here an aggregate of ten years in three distinct periods, and died while ministering here. Two ministers of this church lie in the Howard cemetery—Levi Rose, and Ziba N. Bradbury. Among the supplies during the first ten years were Joseph Crawford, Stalham Clary, and James H. Hotchkin. From 1826 the list of ministers is as follows: Lyman Barrett, 1826—April, 1834; Samuel T. Babbitt, April, 1834—April, 1835; David High, occasionally during 1835; John T. Baldwin, 1836—1837; William Goodell, 1839—1842; Gilbert Northrup, 1842—1843; John G. L. Has-

kins, 1843—1844; Levi Rose, 1845—to his death June 4, 1852; Edwin Benedict, December, 1853—1854; William R. Downs, 1855—1858; Frederick Graves, 1859—1861; Ziba N. Bradbury, 1862—1866; Charles Milne, 1867—1868; James H. Board, 1868—1872; Ziba N. Bradbury, P., 1872—1876; Ephraim W. Kellogg, April, 1877—March, 1880; Alvin Cooper, 1881—1885; W. H. Shelland (a Lutheran minister), 1887—1888; Nathan Bosworth, 1890—1891; Ziba N. Bradbury, 1891—to his death April 4, 1893; Joseph P. White, September, 1893—September, 1894; and Hezekiah Webster, April 1, 1895, to the present time.

THE PULTENEY CHURCH (1817—1897).

Rev. James H. Hotchkinn* began preaching occasionally within Pulteney as early as 1809. Soon after Jabish Havens, an elder of the Ulysses Church, settled in Pulteney and instituted regular Sabbath worship. July 29, 1815, Rev. James H. Hotchkinn presided in a meeting held at the house of Augustus Tyler, when the Presbyterian Society was organized and John Williams, John Ellis, and Jabish Havens elected trustees. Mar. 19, 1817, Jabish Havens requested of the Bath Presbytery, holding its first meeting in Prattsburg, assistance in organizing a church. Presbytery appointed Rev. Ebenezer Lazel and Rev. James H. Hotchkinn a committee to visit Pulteney and assist in organizing if expedient. At Bath, Aug. 26, 1817, this committee reported to presbytery that a church of 12 members had been organized in Pulteney June 2, 1817.

Services at the first were held generally in the school houses. During the ministry of Rev. Beriah Hotchkinn three school houses were used—that at Stewart's Corners, that near Mr. Tyler's, and that near Mr. Champlin's. For one year Mr. Hotchkinn supplied Pulteney in connection with Wheeler—removing then to Pulteney and giving his whole time. Rev. Ziba N. Bradbury ministered to this church over 18 years—5 years at one time and 13 years at another. During 1831, under Rev. Samuel White's ministry, 57 members were received; in April, 1837, under Rev. B. B. Smith, 32 were received; in March, 1849, under the second ministry of Rev. Samuel White, 26 were enrolled; and 25, Apr. 10, 1870, under Rev. Z. N. Bradbury. The society received a gift of 100 acres from the Pulteney estate. The first edifice was built during 1835 near the house of Mr. Nevyus. The location of the edifice was the occasion of a division of the church. About 20 members living at the south extremity of the town took letters of dismission and were organized

* Many of the facts of this sketch were furnished by Rev. William A. Reid, Ph.D.



Elder CHAUNCEY P. HUBBARD, Woodhull.



Elder PHILIP C. HOAG, Cohocton.



Elder MARTIN HIGGINS, Howard.



Elder ALONZO VAN WIE, Howard.



Elder THADDEUS J. BAKER, M. D., Andover.



Elder T. SCOTT THACHER, Hornellsville.

into a Congregational church in connection with the Genesee Con-sociation. This church survived about 15 years, Rev. Elijah Wool-age, Rev. Samuel Porter, and Rev. Samuel White being its minis-ters. The present edifice in Pulteney village was built in 1851. By the help of Rev. John S. Bacon, who lives in Pulteney, it was in 1895 cleared of debt, and in this same year seat rents were abolished and the envelope system started. The society owns a manse.

The Pulteney Church was enrolled in Bath Presbytery Aug. 26, 1817, and in 1862 came into Steuben Presbytery. The following stated meetings of presbytery have been held in Pulteney: *Bath*—1819, 1838, 1843, 1855, and 1858; *Steuben*—1866, 1871, and 1878. Presbytery has chosen the following commissioners to General As-sembly from the Pulteney Church: Rev. Charles Yale, Philadel-phia, 1824; Daniel S. Benton, Pittsburg, 1835, and Philadelphia, 1838; Rev. Theron L. Waldo, Brooklyn, 1876; and Rev. Ziba N. Bradbury, Omaha, 1887.

The list of ministers is as follows: Ebenezer Lazel, 1817–20 (about); Charles Yale, P., 1823–5; Beriah Hotchkin, Oct., 1824–7; Stalham Clary, May, 1828–30; Samuel White, April, 1831–Sept., 1832; Asa Messer; Benjamin B. Smith, July, 1834–June 1, 1837; Samuel T. Babbitt, July 2, 1837–Jan., 1840; James H. Hotchkin†, Jan. 2, 1841–April, 1843; Samuel White, P., May, 1843–October, 1852; Francis V. Warren, April, 1853–October, 1859; Albo L. Green, Oct. 1, 1865–Jan., 1867; Ziba N. Bradbury, Jan. 1, 1867–Sept. 29, 1872; Theron L. Waldo, July 1, 1873–May, 1876; Ziba N. Bradbury, P., July 1, 1876–July 1, 1889; C. C. Thorne, Nov. 1, 1889–Nov. 1, 1890; William C. Matthews, P., Sept. 1, 1891–June 3, 1894; and William A. Reid, Ph. D., Dec. 26, 1895 to the present time.

In the following list of elders those who died in office are starred: Jacob Bachman, June 9, 1817–Aug. 19, 1861*; Jabish Havens, June 9, 1817–Mar. 29, 1840*; John Prentiss, June 9, 1817–Nov., 1840*; Joseph Hathaway, Nov. 1, 1817–June 1, 1827; Eli Pickett, April 10, 1819—; Benjamin Welles, April, 1829–July 26, 1885*; Joseph Vorheis, Oct. 23, 1831—; John Coryell, Oct. 23, 1831–Nov. 9, 1885*; Daniel S. Benton, Oct. 23, 1831–Feb. 11, 1853*; Joseph St. John, Jan. 27, 1839–Sept. 30, 1852*; Josiah Dunlap, Jan. 27, 1839–May 22, 1858; John A. Prentiss, July 26, 1863–May 8, 1878*; Beriah H. Hotchkin, July 26, 1863–June 1, 1877*; Jacob Hess, July 26, 1863–Feb. 17, 1872*; Hiram D. To-

† "The Rev. James H. Hotchkin, an admirable specimen of the clergy of the olden time. He stood erect, full six feet high and well proportioned, had a fine forehead, crowned with hair as white as snow: was educated, correct, dignified, genial, orthodox; and when he felt a-preaching, or a-praying, kept straight on to the end of his subject, without the slightest regard to the whims of his congregation, or the tokens of passing time".—Rev. Dr. S. M. Campbell in "Sanctuary Memories".

mer, June 23, 1867—May, 1892*; WILSON NEVYUS, Feb. 8, 1874—
 —; JEREMIAH J. HESS, Feb. 8, 1874— —; Calvin McKinney,
 Sept. 4, 1892—1893; WILLIAM HESS, Apr. 1, 1893— —; AMASA
 J. NICHOLS, Apr. 30, 1893— —; and FRANK C. POLLAY, Oct.
 13, 1894— —.

THE ANDOVER CHURCH (1824–1897).

The* first religious service in Andover was held in the house of Nathaniel Dike, the first settler of Allegany County, by Rev. Silas Hubbard. Thaddeus, Alpheus, Seth, and Joseph Baker, who came about 1808, though not members, were attached to the Congregational Church. Joseph Woodruff who came soon after the Bakers, Mrs. Luther Strong who with her husband and family came about 1815, deacon and Mrs. Asa S. Allen and Amherst Kingsbury who came in 1823, were members of Congregational churches.

On July 14, 1824, a Congregational church was organized by Rev. Robert Hubbard, pastor of the Angelica and Almond churches, and the following persons received as members: Joseph Woodruff, Samuel Mallory, Amherst Kingsbury, Asa S. Allen, Lydia Allen, and Abigail Strong. Asa S. Allen was chosen deacon and clerk. The church became Presbyterian Nov. 3, 1876. The following have been ordained elders: Nov. 3, 1876, John Bowlsby, Thaddeus J. Baker, M. D., and Martin L. Comstock; Feb. 5, 1881, Oliver Rosebush, and Geo. Oestrich; June 27, 1886, Thomas Comstock, and JAMES E. REDMON; Jan. 30, 1887, Waldo W. Miller; Oct. 26, 1890, JOHN KNOX MILLER, and WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS; 1897, GEORGE W. PROBASCO.

The church was enrolled in Bath Presbytery from Jan. 30, 1827, to Oct. 7, 1828; in Angelica Presbytery from Oct. 7, 1828, to Sept. 28, 1858; in Genesee Valley Presbytery from Sept. 28, 1858, to Oct. 21, 1886; since then it has belonged to Steuben Presbytery. Angelica Presbytery held stated meetings in Andover in 1848 and 1855; Genesee Valley in 1864, 1868, 1875, and 1880; and Steuben in 1888. The following commissioners to General Assembly have been chosen from Andover: Asa S. Allen, Philadelphia, 1833; Elijah Hunt, Troy, 1856; T. J. Baker, M. D., Chicago, 1877; Rev. Albert C. Titus, Saratoga, 1879; W. W. Miller, Omaha, 1887; and Rev. George M. Janes, Saratoga, 1896.

The first church building, dedicated Dec. 11, 1840, was destroyed by fire in 1866. The present edifice was dedicated Jan. 23, 1868, and, after thorough repairing, rededicated in August, 1887. A manse owned several years in the early history was finally sold.

* Rev. George M. Janes contributed many facts to this sketch.

The present manse was built in 1893. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized Jan. 20, 1890. There is a Woman's Missionary Society, a Ladies' Aid Society, and a Mission Band. Four at least from the congregation have entered the ministry—Daniel Russell, Asa S. Allen, Daniel Redmond, Ph. D., and James A. Miller, Ph. D. The "Harvest Home", held annually in a grove, is an established institution of this church.

The following ministers have served the church: Silas Hubbard, 1827-9; Jabez Spicer*, M. D., 1829-35; Asa S. Allen, 1838-9; Benjamin Russell, 1840-2; Jacob Russel, 1843-4; James Conley, 1845-6; Samuel A. Rawson, 1851-3; James Conley, 1854-6; Foster Lilly, 1856; J. Blakeslop, 1856-7; Benjamin Russell, 1858-9; Joseph R. Johnson, 1859-60; J. Wynkoop, 1860-3; Philander Camp, 1863-8; Benjamin Russell, 1871-4; George B. Nutting, 1874; J. S. Bingham, 1874-6; Albert C. Titus, 1876-81; Jesse Lee, 1882-3; Benjamin G. VanCleve, P., 1886-9; and George M. Janes, 1889 to the present time.

THE CENTERVILLE CHURCH (1824-1897).

Rev. Silas Hubbard organized this church with 14 members July 25, 1824. In 1843 it had 109 communicants. There are now but a few members, and, excepting the summer of 1897, there have been no services for years. It was enrolled in Genesee Presbytery, in 1824, in Angelica Presbytery in 1829, in Genesee Valley Presbytery in 1859, and in Steuben Presbytery in 1886. Among its ministers have been: Horatio Waldo, John T. Baldwin, Lemuel Hall, Phinehas Smith, Leonard Rogers, Samuel Sessions, Lyman B. Waldo, John W. Lane, and Franklin S. Spencer. A house of worship, costing \$3,000, was erected during the ministry of Rev. John W. Lane.

THE CUBA CHURCH (1824-1897).

The first preaching in Cuba was about 1820 by Rev. Robert Hubbard of Angelica. The Cuba Presbyterian Church was organized by Rev. Reuben Hurd, and Capt. James Davison, of the Haight Presbyterian Church, July 19, 1827. The ten who then united were Henry Stephens, William Hicks, Kendal Wilder, Gordon Kennedy, Horatio Orton, Elinor Baird, Margaret Huntley, Lucy Hicks, Eunice Brownson, and Lucy Kenedy. Feb. 8, 1833, Kendal Wil-

* "It is said that Rev. Jabez Spicer, who was also a physician, was the first to practice medicine here [Andover]. This is related of him. Receiving an urgent call to visit a patient just as he was beginning his usual Sunday sermon, he announced that the meeting would stand adjourned for two hours. 'straddled' his horse, went several miles, visited his patient, returned, and resumed the services where they had been dropped".—Centennial History Allegany County

+ Rev. Robert Clements furnished most of the facts for this sketch.

ner and Josiah Bond were chosen elders. In 1833 there was a revival which added 89 to the church, and in 1838 another which added about 50. Feb. 12, 1835, the church adopted the Congregational form of government. Aug. 26, 1835, 48 persons were dismissed to form the Friendship Congregational Church. Before this date the two were together—the services being held sometimes in Cuba and sometimes in Friendship. June 18, 1842, the church became fully Congregational, and Oct. 1, 1842, fully and finally Presbyterian.

The first structure was completed and dedicated in 1838. In 1870 this was removed that the present edifice, built during the pastorate of Rev. Corliss B. Gardner, D. D., might be erected. The corner stone was laid July 4, 1871, and it was dedicated June 13, 1872. It cost about \$20,000. In 1892, by the will of Mrs. Mary Gurnee Lancaster, the church acquired her home for a manse, and about \$1,500 have been expended since in repairs.

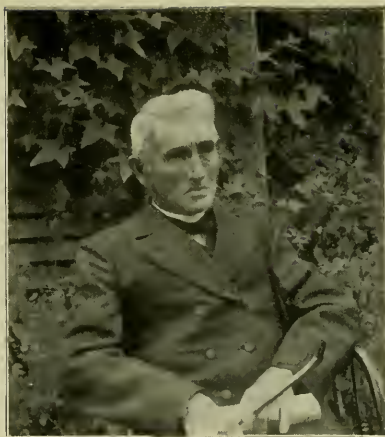
The following is a list of the elders: Kendal Wilder, 1833-64; Josiah Bond, 1833; Eli R. Burr, 1834-42; Obadiah Rouse, 1834-5; Stephen Bartle, 1842-71; Joseph Bachus, 1842-3; Stephen Prentiss, 1842-—; Horatio Orton, 1843-53; Martin Smith, 1845-8; Wolcott Hatch, 1845-62; Ammi Carrier, 1845-8; John Hurty, 1845-—; Henry A. Mead, 1851-79; Charles Amsden, 1853-88; Charles P. Robinson, 1860-5; Amasa Fuller, 1871-96; ALVIN B. WEBSTER, 1871-97; Enos Keller, 1871-93; John C. Young, 1876-95; J. Monroe Barnes, 1879-91; Robert C. Mead, 1888-92; WALTER J. AMSDEN, 1891-7; PALMER P. PECKHAM, 1892-7; CHARLES H. FULLER, 1892-7; ALBERT H. BISHOP, 1893-7; and CLINTON H. MINER, 1895-7.

Rev. Reuben Hurd of Haight, and Rev. Moses Hunter of Angelica, supplied occasionally for the first few years. The list of ministers is as follows: Samuel W. May (also supplied Angelica), 1833-5; William Bridgeman (half time at Friendship), 1835-6; Asa S. Allen, 1837-46; Nathan Leighton, 1846-9; Jefferson Wynkoop, P., 1849-52; Nathan Allen, P., 1853-9; William C. White, 1860-1; John E. Baker, 1863-5; Corliss B. Gardner, D. D., P., 1865-74; John C. Taylor, P., 1875-83; Charles P. Luce, Ph. D., P., 1883-9; William G. White, P., 1890-4; and Robert Clements, P., 1894 to the present time.

This church was enrolled in Angelica Presbytery Feb. 24, 1829; Jan. 4, 1859, enrolled in the new Genesee Valley Presbytery; and Oct. 21, 1886, became a part of Steuben Presbytery. It has entertained the following stated presbytery meetings: *Angelica*—1839, 1844, 1847, and 1854; *Genesee Valley*—1863, 1870, 1874, 1878, 1881, and 1884; *Steuben*—1888, and 1894. The following from



Elder EDWARD H. SMITH, Painted Post.



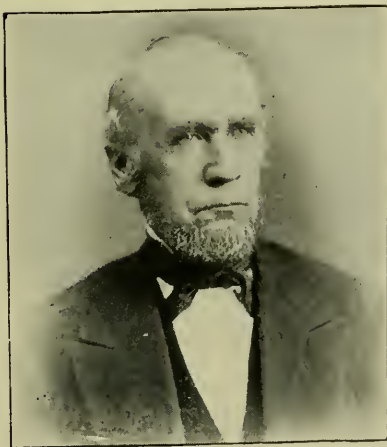
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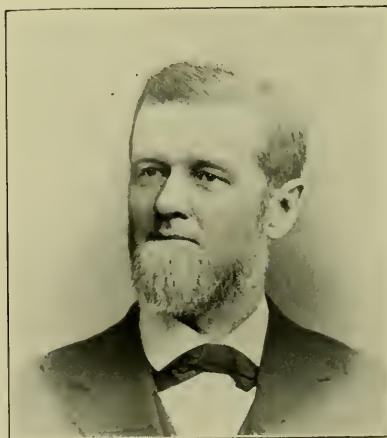
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Elder HYATT C. HATCH, Atlanta.



Mr. CHARLES HARTSHORN, Hornellsville.



Mr. JOHN D. HAMILTON, Campbell.

Cuba have represented presbytery as commissioners to General Assembly: Rev. Asa S. Allen, Philadelphia, 1838, and 1840; Rev. Nathan Allen, and Stephen Bartle, St. Louis, 1855; Kendal Wilder, Dayton, 1864; Henry A. Mead, Rochester, 1867; Rev. Corliss B. Gardner, D. D., New York, 1869, and St. Louis, 1874; Rev. John C. Taylor, Buffalo, 1881; and Rev. Charles P. Luce, Ph. D., New York, 1889. Rev. Asa S. Allen was stated clerk of Angelica Presbytery from 1839 to 1846, and Rev. John C. Taylor of Genesee Valley Presbytery from 1882 to 1883.

July 18 and 19, 1897, this church celebrated its seventieth anniversary with fitting services.

THE JASPER CHURCH (1824-1897).

Bennett's Creek* Presbyterian Church was enrolled in Bath Presbytery Aug. 29, 1826, Enoch Ordway of Jasper appearing as elder. To this church Jasper Presbyterians belonged. Aug. 27, 1829, Bath Presbytery granted a petition presented by Jasper residents of the Bennett's Creek Church asking to be organized as an independent church. Oct. 29, 1829, the committee of presbytery—Rev. David Higgins, Bath, Rev. Lyman Barrett, Naples, and Israel Baldwin, Howard—met the petitioners in Jasper at the house of Henry Prentice and organized the Jasper Presbyterian Church by receiving 24 members from the Bennett's Creek Church, and 4 from the Bath Church. Next day Joshua Sargent and Enoch Ordway were constituted elders.

Services were held the first year in Henry Prentice's house; next year in the Wellis house on the Francis Woodward place; then several years in a log school house near the Hampshire Church. In 1846 a church was built on the State road, occupied a few times before completion, finished Nov. 24th, and burned Sabbath Nov. 25th, before service. A portion of the "glebe lot" of 100 acres, donated by the Pulteney estate to the first church organized in the township, was sold, and another edifice was erected near the Hampshire school house. This house was dedicated in December, 1849. Feb. 15, 1872, the present building in Jasper village, built for \$6,000, was dedicated and occupied. The church owns a manse with large lot and barn.

From its organization to 1836 the Jasper Church belonged to Bath Presbytery. In 1836, with the other South Steuben churches, it was set off into the new Chemung Presbytery. Upon petition of the church, synod in October, 1847, restored it to Bath Presbytery—

* Much essential to this sketch was gleaned from John L. Jenkins' printed sermon.

the only one of the South Steuben churches. Since 1862 it has been enrolled in Steuben Presbytery. Jasper has had four stated meetings of presbytery: *Bath*—1854, and 1859; *Steuben*—1877, and 1886. It has had one commissioner to General Assembly—Charles G. Hutchinson, Saratoga, 1894. Two have gone out to the foreign mission field—Rev. J. L. Whiting to China, and Olive Whiting to Japan. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized May 24, 1896, and the Junior Society a few weeks before. The “Semi-Centennial” sermon preached in 1879 by Rev. John L. Jenkins was published.

The following is a list of elders with their years of service: Joshua Sargent, 1829–82; Enoch Ordway, 1829–33; Jonathan B. Prentice, 1831–80; David Woodward, 1833–52; Thomas Whiting, 1847–78; Wm. H. Prentice, 1847–78; Samuel Dennis, 1864–83; J. SUMNER SARGENT, 1870–97; JONATHAN L. ORDWAY, 1870–97; CHARLES G. HUTCHINSON, 1883–97; ARTHUR S. LAMSON, 1883–97; J. BURNHAM SARGENT, 1889–97; OSCAR J. COLE, 1889–97; and OLIVER M. WHITING, 1889–97.

For a good many years the Jasper minister has served also the Woodhull Church. The following is the list of ministers: — Woolwich, 1830; Jeremiah L. Pomeroy, 1831–4; Noah Thomas, 1834; Oren Johnson, 1835–6; Robert Hubbard, 1837–8; Noah Cressy*, 1839–41; Thomas W. Duncan, 1843–5; George T. Everest, P., 1846–51; George Spalding, 1852–3; Harvey Hyde, 1854–6; George VanDeurs, 1857–8; Samuel A. Rawson, 1858–67; Alexander Gulick, 1868–72; John E. Beecher, 1873–6; Arthur N. Bruen, 1876–9; John L. Jenkins, 1879–83; Minor Swick, 1884–9; Edwin H. Burgess, 1889–91; Charles W. Maccarthy, 1891–5; and Albert R. Crawford, 1896 to the present time.

THE CAMPBELL CHURCH (1831–1897).

The† first attempt to organize a church in Campbell was not successful. From 1811 to 1814 there were a good many meetings of “The First Presbyterian Cohocton Congregation or Society”. Rev. Clement Hickman, of Painted Post (Corning), was secured for one-fourth of his time at the rate of \$500 per year. It was voted to build a church, but nothing came of it except that Mr. Hickman preached often. The Campbell Presbyterian Church was organized

*His first sermon at Jasper was from full notes. The people went home saying, “We can do our own reading”. It came to his ears, and the next Sunday he not only preached without notes, but gave out and repeated his hymns, and repeated a good long chapter from the Bible without opening a book. It is said he never after that opened a Bible or a hymn book in that pulpit—though not often conducting his service at Campbell in that way.—See Dr. S. M. Campbell’s “Sanctuary Memories”.

† Most of the facts essential to this sketch have been taken from Rev. Samuel W. Pratt’s published “Semi-Centennial Sermon” of Feb. 20, 1881.

Feb. 16, 1831, by a committee of Bath Presbytery—Rev. David Higgins, Bath, Rev. Merit C. Harmon, Big Flats, and Charles Fry, Big Flats. The meeting was held in the school house just below the Curtis bridge, where Rev. B. B. Smith was holding revival meetings. There were seven charter members, all received from the Painted Post (Corning) Church—Joseph and Abigail Stevens, Mrs. Rhoda Nute, Mrs. Hannah Campbell, Jared Stevens, Jonas Stevens, and Mrs. Eliza Stevens. For about 30 years, when not grouped with some other church, this church received aid from the A. H. M. Society, but since that time has given to Home Missions over \$3,000. In 1831, 28 were added, 21 in 1840, 29 in 1860, 18 in 1866, and 30 in 1879, the largest increase in its history being under the ministry of Rev. S. W. Pratt. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized Jan. 6, 1889, out of a Young People's Society organized in 1877.

The church was enrolled in Bath Presbytery June 21, 1831, set off into Chemung Presbytery in 1836, and into Steuben Presbytery in 1862. Campbell has entertained the following stated meetings of presbyteries: *Bath*—1835; *Chemung*—1840, 1845, and 1855; and *Steuben*—1863, 1868, 1874, 1879, 1884, and 1889. The following commissioners to General Assembly have been selected from Campbell: Rev. B. Foster Pratt, and Benjamin Stevens, Cleveland, 1857; Charles A. Knox, Chicago, 1871, and Pittsburg, 1878; Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, Springfield, 1882; Amasa B. White, Philadelphia, 1888; and Rev. Geo. R. Smith, Detroit, 1891.

The first church, built on a part of what is now the cemetery, cost \$850. It was dedicated Nov. 5, 1833*. In 1860 it was removed to the site of the present church and in 1867 sold to the Methodists who removed it. Feb. 4, 1868, the present edifice was dedicated, Rev. S. M. Campbell, D. D., a son of the church, preaching a sermon, "Sanctuary Memories", which was published. The manse was built on the church lot in 1868. It cost \$1,800 and in 1877 was enlarged. On Feb. 20, 1881, the 50th anniversary of the church was celebrated. This church owes much of its later prosperity to John D. Hamilton, who superintended its Sunday School from 1864 until his death in 1891.

The following have been the elders: Jared Stevens, 1831-9; Geo. Teeple, 1831-75; Aden J. Pratt, 1831-65; Benjamin Stevens, 1839-

*"The bare floors scrubbed so white we almost feared to step on them; and the pews without cushions to be sure but each furnished with a good stout door, with a wooden button to fasten it. Around on the clean whitewashed walls hung a row of tin sconces to hold the candle of an evening and catch the drip; on each side the minister's place was a great wood stove with a roaring fire, the pipes passing over the heads of the people to keep their feet warm; and the pulpit, with its lofty flight of steps going up to it on either side, the big barrel front it bore, and above all the green baize Bible cushion on it, set around with bright brass nails"!—Rev. Samuel M. Campbell, D. D., in "Sanctuary Memories".

79; Charles A. Knox, 1864-94; GEORGE STEVENS, 1864-97; AMASA B. WHITE, 1869-97; Halsey W. Clark, 1884-5; THOMAS A. SAWYER, 1887-97; and JOSIAH T. BURROUGHS, 1894-7.

The following have ministered to this church: Benjamin B. Smith, 1831-2; Calvin Bushnell, 1833-4; Charles Goodrich (half time at Mead's Creek), 1835; James W. Hotchkin, 1836-8; John Gray* (Mead's Creek also), 1839-40; Noah Cressy (half time at Jasper), 1840-1; Elijah D. Wells, 1841-2; Lewis Hamilton, 1842-3; Ebenezer Everett, 1844-5; Lewis Hamilton, P., 1845-9; William B. Stowe, 1849; John Sailor, 1850; B. Foster Pratt, 1850-60; E. M. Johnson (of Painted Post, preaching afternoons), 1860-1; Archibald Crawford (Auburn student), 1861; William A. Wolcott, 1861-3; Octavius Fitch, 1863-4; A. S. Wood (Auburn student) 1864; Fordyce Harrington, 1864-8; Joel Wakeman, D. D., 1868-72; Theodore B. Williams, 1872-5; Clark B. Gillette, 1875-6; Samuel W. Pratt, 1877-83; Charles M. Livingstone, 1883-5; George R. Smith, 1886-92; and Edgar P. Salmon, P., 1892 to the present time.

THE HAMMONDSPORT CHURCH (1831-1897).

The† first settler of Urbana, William Aulls, who came to Pleasant Valley in 1793, was a member of a Presbyterian church, and in 1808 became a charter member of the Bath Presbyterian Church. The Sunday School of the Hammondsport Church was established in 1826, and for some time before the society was organized regular prayer meetings were held. July 1, 1831, Rev. Isaac Flagler began his work; July 25, 1831, a religious society was organized in accordance with State laws; and Sept. 14, 1831‡, the society was constituted a Presbyterian Church by a committee of Bath Presbytery—Rev. Isaac W. Platt, Bath, Rev. Samuel White, Pulteney, Elam Bridges, Prattsburg, and Jacob Bachman, Pulteney. Eight members were received—all from other churches: Samuel A. Hastings, Lemuel D. Hastings, Lucinda Daniels, Eliza C. Flagler, Augustus Moody, Thomas Judd, Thomas White, and Stephen K. Tourtelot. The church has been favored with many revivals—one especially in the spring of 1884, when Rev. E. P. Hammond assisted, and 72 were added in one day.

*"He had a particular antipathy against people who fell asleep in church, and never did poor souls have a more unhappy time than did our 'seven sleepers' while he was our minister. Pausing in his sermon, as he saw a man nodding, he would say, 'Brother A. won't you wake up Brother B?'"—Dr. S. M. Campbell in "Sanctuary Memories"

† For this sketch many facts have been taken from Rev. Byron Bosworth's published "Semi-Centennial Sermon" of Sept. 10, 1882.

‡ "This period when so many of our churches were organized was one of wide-spread religious interest. It was in the year 1831 that the most extraordinary displays of the power and grace of God, in reviving His work and converting souls in Western New York, were exhibited".—Hotchkin, "Western New York", p. 140.



THE PRATTSBURG CHURCH.



THE BATH CHURCH.



THE CORNING CHURCH.



THE ANGELICA CHURCH.



THE HOWARD CHURCH.



THE PULTENEY CHURCH.

While William Hastings, who built the first store in town, was on a business trip to New York, he heard at Geneva Charles G. Finney and was converted. He built the first edifice at a cost of \$800 on land given by Judge Hammond, and in 1831 presented it to the congregation. A new edifice was dedicated in 1847. It cost about \$4,000 and \$5,000 have since been expended on it. The manse was purchased in 1849. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized in 1887. Three have gone into the ministry—Frederick H. Brewster, a missionary to China, Benjamin Russell, and C. W. Winnie.

The following have served as elders: Samuel A. Hastings, 1831-5; Nehemiah D. Stebbins, 1831-5; William Brewster, 1832-5; Lemuel D. Hastings, 1835-91; Elijah Judd, 1835-7; Solomon Clark, 1837-89; Augustus Moody, 1837-56; Matthias Clark, 1841- —; Aaron Rosenkrans, 1841-80; J. W. McLaury, 1865-9; Allen G. Dunning, 1865-8; George W. Nichols, 1877-84; M. H. DILDINE, 1877- —; JAMES S. THORP, 1877- —; Lafayette Moore, 1885-9; Levi N. Beebe, 1887-96; Lewis P. Wygant, 1879-90; John R. Brown, 1891-5; J. W. BRUNDAGE, 1892- —; E. M. FOSTER, 1892- —; H. R. TALMAGE, 1894- —; GORDON G. HOYT, 1897- —; and L. H. BROWN, 1897- —.

The following is the list of ministers: Isaac Flagler, 1831-3; William M. Adams, 1833-4; George E. Delevan, 1835-7; Robert E. Willson, P., 1838-52; S. Mills Day, P., 1852-7; Stephen Vorhis*, 1857-65; Ova H. Seymour, 1865-9; Darwin Chichester, 1869-76; John Mitchell, 1876; C. Townsend, 1876; Byron Bosworth, 1876-88; Martin E. Grant, 1888-9; Alfred T. Vail, 1889-95; and Charles L. Luther, 1895 to the present time.

The church was enrolled in Bath Presbytery Jan. 31, 1832, and in 1862 came into Steuben Presbytery. It has had the following stated meetings of presbyteries: *Bath*—1837, 1841, 1844, 1848, 1855, 1860, and 1862; *Steuben*—1867, 1875, 1882, and 1891. Presbytery has chosen from this church these commissioners to General Assembly: Samuel A. Hastings, Philadelphia, 1834; Rev. George E. Delevan, Philadelphia, 1837; L. D. Hastings, Philadelphia, 1840, and 1854, and Syracuse, 1861; Rev. Robert E. Willson, Philadelphia, 1843, and 1846; Rev. S. Mills Day, and Augustus Moody, St. Louis, 1855; Rev. Stephen Vorhis, Wilmington, 1859, and Philadelphia, 1863; Rev. Darwin Chichester, Detroit, 1872; Rev. Byron Bosworth, Buffalo, 1881; Lewis P. Wygant, Springfield, 1882; and Levi N. Beebe, Washington, 1893; Rev. Robert E. Willson was stated clerk of Bath Presbytery, 1843-52; Rev. S. Mills Day, 1856-7; and Rev. Stephen Vorhis, 1858-62, and of Steuben Presbytery, 1862-5.

† "Four young men from this congregation lost their lives in the service of their country. William Vorhis, the pastor's oldest son, was the first to fall. Solomon Clark, son of Matthias Clark, George K. Benham, and Daniel S. Layton were the others".—Rev. Byron Bosworth.

THE HORNBY CHURCH (1831-1897).

The Hornby Presbyterian Church, was organized with 20 members, Sept. 15, 1831, by a committee of Bath Presbytery consisting of Rev. Benjamin B. Smith, Rev. David Harrowar, and elders Gardner and Stevens. The organization was the result of a revival of religion in the town. Before this time a few individuals had been members of the Painted Post (Corning) Church. The first supply was Rev. Benjamin B. Smith. Other supplies have been—Rev. Daniel B. Butts, Rev. Alanson Bixby, Rev. George F. Wood, and Rev. Henry W. H. Watkins. In all 21 ministers have labored in this church. It has never had an installed pastor.

Since organization this church has received 123 members. The edifice was erected between 1850 and 1854. A union Sunday School is held in the Presbyterian church and a union Christian Endeavor Society holds its meetings alternately in the Presbyterian and Baptist churches. In 1836 the church was transferred to Chemung Presbytery, and since 1862 has belonged to Steuben Presbytery*.

THE WOODHULL CHURCH (1831-1897).

The present record book of the Woodhull Church dates from Apr. 20, 1874. On that day the records were burned in the burning of Chas. A. Knox's mill—Mr. Knox being clerk of session. This loss makes complete lists of ministers and elders impossible. From 1862 to 1874 all record is hopelessly lost.

The Woodhull Church was organized Oct. 15, 1831, by Rev. Isaac Flagler, Hammondsport, representing the Bath Presbytery. Seven were received by letter and 10 upon examination. Of these 17 Mrs. Mary W. Hubbard is still living at the age of 97. The church was organized in a school house which once stood a mile south of Hedgesville and there services were held several years. They were then removed to a school house in Hedgesville and held there until 1861 when the edifice was built. The society has an income of \$100 a year from the sale of a manse previously owned. No manse is needed at present as the church is supplied by the minister resident in Jasper. The church was enrolled in Bath Presbytery Jan. 31, 1832, transferred to Chemung Presbytery in 1836, and became a part of Steuben Presbytery in 1862.

The relationship between this church and the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hedgesville is unique. The land occupied by the edifice was given by George and Nathan Perry, Presbyterians, to both or-

*Organized as a Congregational Church Nov. 30, 1897.

†Nearly everything essential in this sketch was furnished by Rev. Albert R. Crawford. What has been ascertained of the time before 1874 is due to the effort of Mr. Crawford and to the discovery by Chauncey G. Hubbard, M. D., of Hornellsville, of an old record book.

ganizations. One-half the cost of the building was met by each church and ever since the church was erected each body has held an undivided one-half interest in the property. Each church has its own board of trustees, treasurer, clerk, and pastor. One Sabbath the church is Methodist, the next Presbyterian—each church meeting one-half of the running expenses. One year the Sunday School is Methodist, the next Presbyterian. The prayer meeting and the Y. P. S. C. E. are union. During 36 years this plan has been carried out without friction. This is the only church edifice in Hedgesville. Rev. Albert W. Hubbard, a missionary since 1873 at Sivas, Turkey, is a son of Chauncey P. Hubbard, an elder of this church. Rev. Thomas J. Hedges, Henrietta, Texas, went out from the Woodhull Church.

The following are known to have officiated as elders, with dates when ascertained: Allen Sheldon, and Franklin B. Hubbard, ordained Oct. 15, 1831; William Lockwood, ordained Nov. 18, 1832; Jeffrey Smith, appears on records Jan. 5, 1838, resigned Feb. 5, 1859; Thomas Hedges, elected June 20, 1846; Nelson Perry, elected Feb. 5, 1859; Stephen Gloyd, ordained May 29, 1859; Chauncey P. Hubbard, elected during 1865, and Charles A. Knox, appear in the records Apr. 20, 1874; Samuel H. Ferris, ordained Aug. 23, 1878; John H. Teeter, ordained Aug. 31, 1879; H. S. Teeter, appears in records during 1883. JOSIAH W. OWENS, ordained May 31, 1885; NATHAN R. PERRY, ordained Sept. 5, 1886; and FRANKLIN H. LITTLE, ordained June 18, 1893.

The following is the list of ministers so far as can be ascertained: Jeremiah L. Pomeroy, 1831-3; Oren Johnson, 1833-6; Noah Cressey, 1839-41; Benjamin Welles; George T. Everest, 1857-8; — Miles; Samuel A. Rawson, 1859-67; Alexander Gulick; James W. Boals, a licentiate; D. S. Morse; — Baldwin; Albert W. Hubbard, 1872-3; John E. Beecher, 1873-6; Arthur N. Bruen, 1876-9; John L. Jenkins, 1879-83; Minor Swick, 1884-9; Edwin H. Burgess, 1889-91; Charles W. Maccarthy, 1892-5; and Albert R. Crawford, Mar. 1, 1896, to the present time. The Woodhull Church has never had an installed pastor.

THE BELMONT CHURCH (1832-1897).

The* first Presbyterian Church of Amity was organized Jan. 30, 1832, by Rev. Moses Hunter, of Angelica, with Ellis May, Lucius C. May, Harvey May, John S. Norton, Jeriah Whitcomb, Aaron May, William Whitcomb, and John May, with 8 others, as charter

*Rev. Herbert W. Knox furnished facts essential to this sketch.

members. It was enrolled in Angelica Presbytery at a meeting in Almond Feb. 28, 1832, Ellis May appearing as elder. The village within the town of Amity now called Belmont earlier bore the name of Philipsville, or Philipsburg, so that the church is described in the records under the four names—Amity, Philipsville, Philipsburg, and Belmont. The first trustees were John S. Norton, Samuel VanCampen, and Ellis May. For 9 years services were held in the school house which stood on the site of the present surrogate's office. Aug. 20, 1841, for \$100, Ellis May conveyed to Jeriah Whitcomb, James Spaulding, and John M. May, as trustees of "The First Presbyterian Congregation in Amity", ground upon which a church already was built. This edifice, dedicated June 24, 1841, altered, improved, and added to, still stands. From Sept. 30, 1854, to August, 1866, the church was Congregational in government. During 1891 Mrs. Julia Langdon Barber gave to the congregation a manse.

It is not possible to give a complete list of ministers, or dates in all instances for those whose names are known. The first minister was Rev. Jabez Spicer, M. D., who preached on alternate Sundays for a little more than a year, beginning in September, 1832. Dr. Spicer lived in Andover and preached there the other Sunday. From 1833 to 1835 Rev. Samuel W. May preached for this church, living in Belmont and supplying also Angelica, and Cuba. Between 1835 and 1854 at least five ministers supplied—Rev. O. S. Powell, Rev. Benjamin Russell, who was the minister when the church was built, Rev. Edward Reynolds, Rev. Nathaniel Hammond, who was the minister in 1848, and Rev. G. L. Hall. During 1860-1 Rev. Allen Traver was the minister. Rev. J. S. Bingham was the minister from 1866 to 1871. In December, 1870, Rev. Nathaniel Elmer took charge, and Rev. Joel S. Kelsey ministered from June 1, 1876, to Feb. 2, 1882. During the summer of 1883 Rev. Frank P. Gilman, now a Presbyterian missionary in Hainan, China, supplied. There were no services from then until 1888, when through the efforts of Rev. W. B. Lucas, D. D., synodical superintendent, the church was opened again with Rev. James B. Rodgers as minister. Mr. Rodgers after a year went as a Presbyterian missionary to Brazil, where he still labors. Rev. Joseph G. Snyder was installed pastor Oct. 30, 1889, and released Nov. 7, 1892. From 1892 until 1896 Rev. D. Albert Blose was the stated supply. Rev. Herbert W. Knox, the present pastor, was ordained and installed May 11, 1896.

In the following incomplete list of elders the year of ordination is given where known: Ellis May, 1832; John S. Norton, 1832; T. F. May; J. Whitcomb; F. Norton; J. S. Mandeville; Charles Davis;



THE CAMPBELL CHURCH.



THE CUBA CHURCH.



THE ANDOVER CHURCH.



THE HAMMONDSPORT CHURCH.



THE HORNELLSVILLE FIRST CHURCH.



THE ADDISON CHURCH.

John B. Norton, 1866; W. Hatch, 1866; Henry Sortore, 1866; MILES E. DAVIS, 1866; George W. Green, 1866; Joseph Jadwin, 1879; GEORGE SORTORE, 1879; Robert O'Brien, 1889; WILLIAM B. KURTZ, 1889; WILLIAM J. HARDY, M. D., 1891; CHARLES H. NORTON, 1893; and CHARLES E. CLARK, 1897.

From 1832 to 1859 Belmont Church belonged to Angelica Presbytery; in 1861 it was enrolled in Genesee Valley Presbytery, and in 1886 came into Stenben Presbytery. The following stated meetings of presbytery have been held with this church: *Angelica*—1833, 1839, 1849, and 1852; *Genesee Valley*—1862, 1866, 1877, and 1884; and *Steuben*—1897. The following commissioners to General Assembly have been chosen from the Belmont Church: Rev. Samuel W. May, Philadelphia, 1834; Lucius C. May, Buffalo, 1853; Miles E. Davis, Pittsburg, 1878; and Rev. Joel S. Kelsey, Springfield, 1882.

THE HORNELLSVILLE FIRST CHURCH (1832-1897).

Hornellsville at first was within the Almond parish and as such under the pastoral care of Rev. Robert Hubbard who lived at Angelica from 1812 to 1826 and was pastor of the Almond and Angelica churches. Rev. George Hornell established a Sunday School in 1820 which was short lived. From 1823 to 1829 there was a Sunday School during the summer months. In 1829 Chauncey B. Smith became superintendent and as a union school it lasted summer and winter until the organization of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Smith then became superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School and so remained until 1841.

In June, 1832, Rev. Moses Ordway came to Hornellsville and on July 1st began to hold daily religious services in Ira Davenport's barn. Rev. Robert Hubbard assisted part of the week. At a meeting held on Tuesday, July 10, 1832, the First Presbyterian Church of Hornellsville was organized by Rev. Moses Ordway, and Rev. Moses Hunter of Angelica who was present. Twelve were received by letter and 16 upon confession of faith.

The following are the ministers who have served here: Moses Ordway, July 10, 1832, to Sept. 1, 1832; George P. King, Sept., 1832, to Sept., 1833; Moses Hunter (pastor at Almond), Mar., 1834, to 1835; vacant, Mar., 1835, to Oct., 1837; Benjamin Russell, Oct., 1837, to Oct., 1838 (Burns every other Sunday); Samuel W. May, awhile in 1839; John W. Hopkins, P., 1839, to his death Feb. 4,

1841; Charles B. Smith*, Mar., 1841, to Mar., 1842; Elias S. Peck, Mar., 1842, to Mar., 1843; Thomas M. Hodgman, Apr., 1843, to Apr., 1845 (Burns half time); Foster Lilly, Oct., 1845, to 1848; vacant one year; Horatio Pattengill, D. D., P., June 10, 1849, to Sept. 1, 1857; F. W. Graves, Sept., 1857, to Sept., 1858; Ira O. DeLong, Mar., 1859, to Oct., 1860; Milton Waldo, D. D., P., Feb., 1861, to Oct., 1871; William A. Niles, D. D., P., April, 1872, to Apr. 17, 1889; Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., P., May 9, 1890, to the present time. Until Dr. Waldo's days, it was the aim to pay \$600 salary, and part of this generally came from the American Home Missionary Society. Before Dr. Waldo's ministry closed, the salary was \$1600, and in 1872 Dr. Niles was given \$2300. In 1879, during a period of financial depression, the salary was reduced by mutual consent to \$2,000 and the manse.

The first church edifice, a part of the present building, was erected in 1834 at a cost of about \$3,000†. The ground was presented by Dugald Cameron. The dedicatory sermon was by Rev. Isaac W. Platt, of Bath. This building was enlarged in 1862, again in 1871, and still again in 1875. The lecture room was enlarged in 1877 to provide a church parlor and a study for the pastor. During Dr. Pattengill's ministry a house and lot were purchased for a manse. In 1862 this property was sold and the proceeds devoted to church improvement. In 1873 the present manse property was purchased for \$5,750. The organ was purchased in 1871.

At the semi-centennial anniversary July 10, 1882, Dr. Niles reported that 859 had been received into membership. There were large accessions in 1839, 1866, 1870, 1874, 1877, 1884, 1886, and 1893. Evangelists who have held special meetings are Rev. E. P. Hammond, Rev. H. H. Wells, D. D., Rev. A. P. Graves, D. D., and Rev. L. W. Munhall, D. D. May 6, 1877, 68 were received,

* He was somewhat eccentric, as will be seen in the following incident which occurred during his stay here. He was preaching one Sabbath in the winter, and the stoves were located on either side of the pulpit. Elder C. B. Smith officiated as sexton and had the stoves in charge, and was endeavoring to make those in the back part of the house as comfortable as possible, and to that end kept frequently replenishing the stoves. It soon became rather warm for the preacher, and he said, 'Brother Smith, I wish you would let the fire go down in the stoves; it is very warm here'. Elder Smith waited for awhile and then again replenished the stoves, and was again admonished from the pulpit that it was already much too warm. The sexton now waited until he was sure those seated in the back part of the house were suffering, when he ventured to supply a little more fuel. Our minister suddenly stopped in the midst of an earnest discourse, and assuming the attitude of prayer said, 'O Lord, I believe the devil has got into Bro. Smith; he keeps filling the stove with wood when it is so hot I can hardly stand it'. I do not recollect that he added Amen, but Chaucey did not add any more fuel during that service".—Mowry Thacher in "Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Hornellsville Church".

† When this church was erected it was the custom at 'raisings' to furnish whiskey for the refreshment of the company. It had been determined that no whiskey should be provided at the raising of this church building. The liquor interest was aroused and declared that there would be no help sufficient to raise the building if whiskey was not provided, but on the day appointed the temperance people rallied and the building was raised, to the great annoyance of the enemies of temperance".—Rev. William A. Niles, D. D. "The audience room and gallery were lighted by tallow candles, these were put in small tin candlesticks upon an iron rod some two feet higher than the pews".—Mowry Thacher.

and Mar. 1, 1874, 42. During 1893, 90 were received and the average annual accession is now over 40. The membership is the largest in Steuben Presbytery.

The church was enrolled in Bath Presbytery Aug. 26, 1834. It became a part of Steuben Presbytery in 1862. In May, 1864, it was transferred by General Assembly to Genesee Valley Presbytery. By the Act of Re-union it became in 1870 again a part of Steuben Presbytery.

The elders have been as follows, with the date of their installation: Ezekiel S. Drew, Chauncey B. Smith, and Mowry Thacher, Jan. 1833; Elisha Wilber, July 5, 1834; Prentice Field, Mar. 22, 1844; John J. Sharp, Sept. 2, 1849; John Burden, Sept. 2, 1854; Ebenezer Van Tuyl, Nathan Platt, and Nelson C. Lockwood, Sept., 1865; T. Scott Thacher, Apr. 16, 1876; CHAUNCEY G. HUBBARD, M. D., Mar. 24, 1889; GEORGE W. SEYMOUR, Mar. 24, 1889; Charles H. Norton, Aug. 31, 1893; FRANK M. TRACY, Sep. 6, 1896; ALEXANDER DAVIDSON, and George H. Miller, Jan. 14, 1894; CHARLES R. CARSON, Sep. 6, 1896; and FRED G. CHAPMAN, Apr. 6, 1897. The following stated presbytery meetings have been held in Hornellsville: *Bath*, 1836, 1844, 1847, 1854, 1859, and 1862; *Genesee Valley*, 1865; *Steuben*, 1871, 1881, 1887, and 1893. Rev. Horatio Pattengill, D. D., was stated clerk of Bath Presbytery in 1857, and Rev. Wm. A. Niles, D. D., of Steuben Presbytery, from 1884 to 1889. Hornellsville has had the following commissioners to General Assembly: Rev. Horatio Pattengill, D. D., Philadelphia, 1854; Rev. Milton Waldo, D. D., Dayton, 1864; Mowry Thacher, New York, 1869; Rev. William A. Niles, D. D., Pittsburg, 1878, and Philadelphia, 1888; Chauncey G. Hubbard, M. D., New York, 1889; and Rev. Edward M. Deems, Ph. D., Winona Assembly, 1897.

THE ADDISON CHURCH (1832-1897).

This church* was organized in September, 1832, by a committee of Bath Presbytery—Rev. Elijah D. Wells, Rev. Asa Donalson, and Johnson Butts. It was enrolled in Bath Presbytery Jan. 30, 1833, transferred to Chemung Presbytery in 1836, and to Steuben Presbytery in 1862. There were eight charter members. The church was without preaching till the autumn of 1835, when Rev. D. B. Butts, of Erwin Center, held services fortnightly in the school house on Goodhue street. He came to Addison to reside in 1836. About 700 members have been added to this church in all. The

*Most of the information essential to this sketch was furnished by Rev. Daniel Mackay.

winters of 1866, 1876, and 1889, and the autumn of 1895 were times of large ingathering. At least two members of this church have entered the ministry—George A. Woodhull and George Wells.

The first church home—the first house of worship in Addison—was built on a plot of ground donated by Mr. W. Smith, now the corner of Church and Maple Streets. It cost about \$1,250. In 1851 this house was enlarged and reseated and in 1872 and a chapel built and joined to it. This building was burned in 1881. The present edifice, costing about \$12,000, was dedicated in 1882 free of debt. The building committee was Charles W. Gillet, James Baldwin, A. G. Crane, and George W. Farnham. In 1862 the first manse was built on Maple Street. In 1894 this was removed that the present handsome manse on the same site might be built. Including the lot this cost about \$4,000. At the organization the congregation could pay but \$400, and for many years not over \$600, toward the pastor's salary. This was supplemented by \$100 from the Home Mission Fund. The salary is now \$1,100 and the manse. Joel D. Gillet has given to the church an endowment of \$5,000, the interest of which is to be divided between the session, trustees, and the Y. M. C. A. for religious work. The Sunday School was organized in 1836, and the Y. P. S. C. E. in 1889.

The following ministers have served the church: Daniel B. Butts, 1835–9; Lewis Hamilton, P., 1840–2; Darius Williams, 1843–5; A. H. Parmelee, P., 1846–55; William Kidder, 1855–6; David F. Judson, P., 1857–63; S. S. Sturgess, 1864–5; David F. Judson, 1866–7; William J. Parrott, 1867–70; Charles Simpson, 1870–2; John V. C. Nellis, Ph. D., 1873–4; Alphonzo R. Olney, D. D., 1875–81; William H. Rice, 1882–90; and Daniel Mackay, 1891 to the present time.

The life system of eldership is used—though for a few years the rotary system was followed. The following were ordained elders in the years named: 1832, Porter Phelps, and Elihu Whittenhall; 1836, JOEL D. GILLET, J. P. Shumway, and C. Cowley; 1840, William Tarbell, and William McDowell; 1845, B. Blakeslee; 1857, E. Van Tuyl and Seth Mullen; 1866, J. I. Clark; 1872, DAVID B. WINTON and Martin Wilber; 1882, GEORGE W. FARNHAM; 1885, EBEN S. CHATFIELD; 1887, LEE R. WEBB; 1895, JONATHAN D. PRICE, and CHARLES E. NOBLE. Joel D. Gillet was clerk of session from 1836 to 1896, when he retired and D. B. Winton succeeded.

Commissioners to General Assembly have been chosen from Addison as follows: Porter Phelps, Pittsburg, 1835; Rev. D. B. Butts, Philadelphia, 1839; Rev. A. H. Parmelee, Washington, 1852; Joel D. Gillet, Washington, 1852; Rev. David F. Judson, Rochester, 1867; Rev. A. R. Olney, D. D., Chicago, 1877; and William H. Rice, Minneapolis, 1886. It has had the following stated presbytery meetings: *Chemung*—1838, 1844, 1850, 1854, and 1859; *Steuben*—1865, 1873, 1883, 1889, and 1893.



THE PAINTED POST CHURCH.



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THE AVOCA CHURCH.



THE HORNELLSVILLE HARTSHORN CHURCH.



THE ATLANTA CHURCH.

THE PAINTED POST CHURCH (1841-1897).

Four* Presbyterian churches in Steuben county have borne the name of Painted Post. The present Corning Church was originally the Painted Post First Church. When the name of that church was changed to Corning a second church within the present Corning was enrolled for a few years as the Painted Post First Church. A church within the present Caton was called the Painted Post Second Church. The present church was enrolled as the Painted Post Village Church. When this church was organized there was another Presbyterian church in the town of Erwin—in the south part—the Erwin Church. The society was legally constituted and an edifice built before the church was organized. At a meeting held in the school house June 25, 1839, “The First Presbyterian Society in the Village of Painted Post in the town of Erwin” was formed and the following trustees elected: Holly Seely, Wm. J. Gilbert, Lewis B. Warner, John Kennard, Willis J. Savory, Arnold D. Patterson, and Levi B. Warner. A church costing \$2,000 was erected during 1839, on a lot given by Gen. F. E. Erwin. Its bell was the first between Bath and Elmira.

During 1839-41 Rev. John Smith supplied. At a meeting held in the church Mar. 16, 1841, the Painted Post Church was organized. Rev. Philemon H. Fowler, D. D., of Elmira, preached from Zech. 4:6, and moderated the meeting. Rev. Lewis Hamilton, of Addison, offered prayer, and Samuel S. Howe, soon to be ordained pastor, acted as clerk. Seventeen persons were received by letter—11 from the Painted Post 1st (Corning) Church. Two of the number were already elders—Henry H. Mathews, and Holly Seely. During 1881-2 the present edifice was built on a lot given by Mrs. Eliza E. Townsend, and in 1890 a manse costing \$2,500 was erected for the society on the church lot by Miss Fannie S. Jerome, a sister of Mrs. Edward E. Townsend. The value of the property in all is about \$9,000. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized in July, 1886. There is a Ways and Means Society, a Ladies’ Missionary Society, and a Young Ladies’ Missionary Society. Rev. George D. Miller, pastor of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church, went out from this church.

The following is a list of the ministers: Samuel S. Howe, P., May 6, 1841-Dec. 20, 1842; B. Foster Pratt, P., Mar. 3, 1843-June 30, 1849; J. R. Young, Oct. 1, 1849-Dec. 26, 1851; Milton Buttolph, Apr. 30, 1852-Mar. 31, 1854; Richard G. Keyes, Sept. 30, 1854-June 1, 1856; Charles C. Carr, P., Nov. 5, 1856-July 30,

*The essential particulars of this sketch were furnished by Rev. Benjamin B. Knapp.

1859; Hiram E. Johnson, Aug., 1859–Mar. 4, 1864; P. J. Buchanan, July 1, 1864–July 1, 1865; Joel Wakeman, D. D., P., Sept. 1, 1865–8; P. H. Burghardt, December, 1868–73; G. R. H. Shumway, September 6, 1873–died during the year; A. W. Cowles, D. D., July 31, 1874–5; Anson G. Chester, D. D., August, 1875–6; Theron L. Waldo, June, 1876–June, 1880; Frederick Campbell, 1881–3; supplied by session, 1884–9; Augustus Frederick, November, 1889–Jan. 2, 1892; James R. Robinson, Oct. 9, 1892–Oct., 1896; and Benjamin B. Knapp, P. E., Jan. 17, 1897, to the present time.

The following have been installed elders: May 9, 1841, Henry H. Mathews and Sylvester Smith; November 17, 1842, Holly Seely; Jan. 4, 1846, Harvey D. Bancroft; June 22, 1851, Pliny Cobb, and Charles J. Chatfield; July 1, 1853, Sidney S. Cook; July 13, 1855, Edward E. Townsend, and Benjamin Farewell; July 1, 1859, William Pierce; July 5, 1861, Calvin Blood; July 1, 1864, Clark Bassett, and Francis E. Young; July 6, 1868, Uri Scofield; July 6, 1870, William T. Crouch; July 13, 1871, Bradford Peck; July 5, 1879, EDWARD H. SMITH; May 18, 1886, WARREN S. HODGMAN and GEORGE S. BASSETT; Apr. 24, 1894, Alvin Z. Pierce, GEORGE W. HOAK, and RICHARD W. MCCRAY; and Apr. 28, 1897, JEFFREY SMITH.

The church was enrolled in Chemung Presbytery April 20, 1841, at a meeting held in Elmira. In 1862 it came into Steuben Presbytery. The following stated meetings of presbytery have been held with this church: *Chemung*—1846, 1853, and 1861; *Steuben*—1864, 1866, 1869, and 1880. The following commissioners to General Assembly have been chosen from this church: Rev. Charles C. Carr, and Pliny Cobb, Cleveland, 1857; Charles J. Chatfield, Dayton, 1864; Benjamin Farewell, Harrisburg, 1868; Rev. Joel Wakeman, D. D., New York, and Pittsburg, 1869; Warren S. Hodgman, Pittsburg, 1895.

THE ARKPORT CHURCH (1852–1897).

The* proximity of the then existing Burns Church, of the Almond Church, and of the Hornellsville First Church, delayed for years the organization of a church at Arkport. A Sunday School was organized in Judge Hurlbut's saw mill, just west of the present parsonage, by Miss Abigail Hurlbut, in June, 1798, which was maintained every summer from May to October until the church was organized and all the time since. Rev. Moses Hunter, of Almond, preached in the evening from 1834 to 1835. The edifice came be-

*Many facts of this sketch were furnished by John Hurlbut.

fore the formal organization. It was dedicated Dec. 16, 1851, having cost about \$1,500, but burned Dec. 23, 1851, without insurance. Rev. Benjamin Welles came in this month. Before the holidays were over a contract had been let for a new building to cost \$1,650. While this edifice was in the carpenter's hands, on Mar. 13, 1852, the church was organized by Rev. Benjamin Welles, and Rev. Joel Wakeman, D. D., of Almond. Of the 30 members enrolled, 15 were named Hurlbut, and 6 Cary.

The following have served this church in the ministry: Benjamin Welles, Dec. 7, 1851–Aug. 7, 1853; Giles B. Cleveland, Oct. 16, 1853–Sept. 9, 1855; Erwin W. Allen, Sept. 23, 1855–Apr. 17, 1859; John E. Baker, P., July 19, 1859–Jan. 4, 1863; Wm. P. Teitsworth, May 24, 1863–Apr. 24, 1864; Samuel D. W. Westfall, Nov. 5, 1865–Jan. 5, 1868; Willis C. Gaylord, Apr. 9, 1871–Dec. 31, 1871; George N. Todd, Nov. 15, 1874–Mar. 30, 1884; Erwin C. Hull, P., June 30, 1885–Apr. 21, 1897; and Jay Forbes Robinson, July 1, 1897, to the present time.

The following have been ordained elders: Mar. 13, 1852, James Hurlbut and Johnson Cary; June 17, 1854, John J. Sharp; July 4, 1858, JOHN HURLBUT; Jan 28, 1866, Henry B. Loveland; Dec. 1, 1872, Jarvis P. Case; June 3, 1882, MYRON HURLBUT, and JOSEPH C. GRAY; and May 28, 1890, NORMAN O. WHEELER.

The church was enrolled in Angelica Presbytery, June 8, 1852. Feb. 16, 1859, it was enrolled in Genesee Valley Presbytery, and in 1870 transferred to Steuben Presbytery. Angelica Presbytery held a stated meeting in Arkport in 1853, Genesee Valley in 1868, and Steuben in 1879 and 1895. Rev. Erwin C. Hull was commissioner to General Assembly at Washington in 1893, and John Hurlbut to that of 1896 at Saratoga.

The present edifice, dedicated July 15, 1852, is valued at about \$2,000. A manse was built in 1887 costing with the lot \$2,200. John Hurlbut was elected Sunday School superintendent Jan. 1, 1858, and has been re-elected every year since. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized Sept. 12, 1886, and the Junior Society Oct. 29, 1893. The Woman's Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid Society were organized in 1852. 278 have been received into church membership.

THE CANISTEO CHURCH (1853–1897).

The* Presbyterian was the first church organized in Canisteo, and it was established only after the community had been settled over

*The facts essential to this sketch were contributed by Rev. Duncan Cameron, and Orton O. Laine.

60 years. In July, 1849, Rev. Horatio Pattengill, D. D., Hornellsville, began preaching occasionally, and regular services were instituted in 1851. The society was organized Mar. 20, 1852, and the church Mar. 20, 1853, with the following members: Stephen R. Sturdevant, Harriet R. Sturdevant, Sarah Waters, Joseph Ashley, Sr., Henry Acker, Peter Myers, Sarah Ann Taylor, and Judith Thomson. The following constituted the first board of trustees: Thomas J. Magee, William H. Mead, Peter Myers, William B. Jones, B. C. Richey, and Nathaniel C. Taylor. The first session consisted of Joseph Ashley, Sr., Stephen P. Sturdevant, and Peter Myers.

The ministers have been the following: George Spaulding, P., Apr. 15, 1853–June 19, 1860; Lewis F. Laine, Oct. 15, 1860–Oct. 15, 1873; J. Hallock Brown, Feb. 1, 1874–Dec. 20, 1878; Daniel J. Robertson, Mar. 31, 1879–Oct. 19, 1884; Ross C. Houghton, D. D., and other supplies, 1884–7; and Duncan Cameron, Nov. 1, 1887–Nov. 1, 1897.

The first church edifice was dedicated Feb. 15, 1853, at a cost of \$1,500 exclusive of the ground. It was enlarged in 1877 at a cost including the pipe organ of \$4,500. It was again enlarged in 1889 at a cost of \$1,000. The manse was erected in 1854 costing \$1,000, enlarged in 1888 at a cost of \$800, and in 1892 at a cost of \$600. The present value of the church property is \$10,000.

During the history of the church the following have served as elders: Joseph Ashley, Sr., Stephen P. Sturdevant, Peter Myers, Eli R. Wright, Nathaniel C. Taylor, Peter Masten, Leveritt Granger, Levi Totten, James Easton, Alonzo Davison, Loren D. B. Ridgell, Martin Lee Taylor, John E. McCaig, Charles H. Edson, William T. Bailey, Frank R. Waldo, ORTON O. LAINE, FRANK H. ROBINSON, Daniel M. Estee, GEORGE C. TOTTEN, HORACE S. BEEBE, GEORGE WALKER, HENRY S. TAYLOR, MORTIMORE ALLISON, Jr., and BENJAMIN S. STEPHENS.

The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized in December, 1892. The church has in addition Junior Endeavor, Ladies' Aid Society, Ladies' Missionary Society, Sunday School with a large Home Department, Men's Meetings, Senior and Junior divisions, and two out preaching stations. Rev. G. W. Easton grew up in this congregation. Revivals visited the church in 1865, 1871, 1877, 1891, 1894, and 1896. A history of the Canisteo Church would be very incomplete without special mention being made of Nathaniel C. Taylor—untiring in his devotion to the local church and to the denomination.

The Canisteo Church was enrolled in Bath Presbytery June 29,

1853, and in 1862 became a part of Steuben Presbytery. The following stated meetings of presbytery have been held with this church: *Bath*—1857; *Steuben*—1864, 1868, 1872, 1880, and 1890. Presbytery has chosen the following commissioners to General Assembly from this church: Rev. George Spaulding, Cleveland, 1857; Nathaniel C. Taylor, Cleveland, 1857, Wilmington, 1859, Philadelphia, 1863, and 1870; Rev. Lewis F. Laine, Brooklyn, 1865; Rev. Daniel J. Robertson, Saratoga, 1883; and Rev. Duncan Cameron, Saratoga, 1894.

The growth of the church is evident from the following statistics, taking the figures of every fifth year:

	MEMBERS.		BENEVOLENCE.		CONGREGATIONAL.
1855.....	21	.....	\$ 40	.....	\$
1861.....	40	.....	27	.....
1865.....	60	.....	83	.....	650
1870.....	63	.....	68	.....	550
1875.....	85	.....	69	.....	1,200
1881.....	125	.....	248	.....	1,300
1883.....	120	.....	178	.....	1,300
1891.....	160	.....	625	.....	2,323
1896.....	343	.....	882	.....	2,043

THE CANASERAGA CHURCH (1872-1897).

The* Canaseraga Presbyterian Church was organized by Rev. James H. Board, Oct. 26, 1872, and was enrolled in Steuben Presbytery Apr. 16, 1873. Mr. Board gave half of his time to the Osian Church, six miles away in Rochester Presbytery. The charter members were from the Burns Presbyterian Church, which by their withdrawal became extinct. These were Augustus and Harriet Comstock, Zenas and Comfort Bailey, Milo E. and Jennette Carter, Mrs. Martha Barnum, Mrs. Mercy N. Barnum, Mrs. Sarah Carter, Mrs. Sarah Webb, Mrs. Carrie Payne, Sarah Gorham, and H. E. Peabody. Early in 1893 a revival brought in many and the membership is now 100.

From June, 1872, to the fall of 1874 the services were held in the Baptist Church. From that time to the completion of the present edifice the congregation worshipped in a hall fitted up by them in the second story of a store owned by John C. Boyd. The present church, completed in 1876, was dedicated Jan. 18, 1877,—Rev. W. A. Niles, D. D., of Hornellsville, preaching in the morning and Rev. James M. Platt, D. D., of Bath, in the evening. It cost about \$2,000. Early in 1889 the manse was built, costing about \$1,000. The Y. P. S. C. E. was organized Nov. 13, 1892. This church has sent into the ministry Rev. Ernest L. Tiffany, M. D., and Fred A. Crandall is now preparing. The elders have been

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Zenas Bailey, Henry Dore, JAMES CRAIG, and WILLIS H. BARNUM.

The following have ministered to the church: Rev. James H. Board, June, 1872–Oct. 5, 1884; Rev. Daniel W. Marvin, 5 Sabbaths; Mr. W. I. Sweet, an Auburn student, the summer of 1885; Rev. William C. Brass, May 2, 1886–Oct. 28, 1888 (at Ossian also); and Rev. Evan R. Evans, Ph. D., the present minister, who took charge Nov. 25, 1888. This church entertained presbytery in 1883 and 1894. Rev. Evan R. Evans, Ph. D., represented presbytery at General Assembly in Pittsburg in 1895.

The Burns Presbyterian Church was organized June 22, 1833. Rev. Robert Hubbard preached the first sermon July 19, 1833. Rev. Benjamin Russell was the first pastor, receiving \$175 a year, and a similar amount from the Hornellsville First Church, where he labored every second Sunday. There was a similar arrangement with Rev. Thomas M. Hodgman, Burns paying \$200 towards his salary. The following is the list of ministers: Benjamin Russell, J. G. Haskins, Thomas M. Hodgman, Royal Twichel, H. E. Woodcock, Samuel A. Rawson (served 8 years), John E. Baker, and W. C. Gaylord.

THE HORNELLSVILLE HARTSHORN CHURCH (1891–1896).

Owing* to a canvass made in what is now the first ward by Misses Ella Gray and Susie Platt, and later by Mrs. Charles Hartshorn, a Sunday School was organized in a private house on Arkport street by Russell M. Tuttle, and B. Rockwell, of the Y. M. C. A., on the first Sunday in June, 1879. Of this school T. J. O. Thacher was superintendent for 17 years continuously. Charles Hartshorn, whose name the church very appropriately bears, erected a chapel for the use of this school on the corner of Steuben street and Madison avenue, the corner stone being laid Oct. 3, 1882, and the edifice dedicated to Sunday School work Nov. 11, 1883.

After the death of Mr. Hartshorn the chapel was deeded to the trustees by Mrs. Hartshorn, and Feb. 17, 1891, the Home Mission committee of presbytery organized a church of 36 members. Rev. William Veenschoten, who had been preaching here about a year, continued to minister until Dec. 1, 1892. He was succeeded by Rev. George F. Danforth who remained until September, 1894. Rev. Andrew McC. Brown supplied from April until December, 1895. In May, 1896, Rev. Fred E. Walton was called as pastor and began his work. The elders ordained at organization were Henry Dore, James B. Finch, and CORNELIUS CONDERMAN. Those or-

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dained since have been WALTER KREIDLER, LOREN C. WILLEY, THOMAS NEPHEW, and CHARLES S. BOWMAN.

During the past fourteen months 65 have united with this church—47 of whom have been upon examination. Nearly 200 are enrolled in the Sunday School. In the church are two ladies' societies, two Endeavor societies, and a very successful club of young men—the "Thecimeum".

THE ATLANTA CHURCH (1894-1897).

Those* of the 500 residents of Atlanta who attended church being obliged to go to the neighboring village, the need of a church was long apparent. There were only five Presbyterians in the community—Mrs. F. L. D. Wetmore, Mrs. Elizabeth Pierce, Mrs. Edith A. Hatch, Mrs. Sarah Conderman, and Mrs. Judith A. Clayson. Elder W. P. Wisewell, of the Naples Church, was consulted, and Mrs. Hatch and Mrs. Wetmore as a committee made a canvass of the community for a Presbyterian church. Rev. H. P. McAdam, D. D., of Rochester, was invited to come and preached first Apr. 8, 1894, to an audience of 130. Apr. 22, 1894, the Sunday School was organized with Hyatt C. Hatch, superintendent. May 17, 1894, the first prayer meeting was held, with Mrs. Edith A. Hatch, leader. July 22, 1894, Rev. George W. Warren, representing presbytery, with Rev. H. P. McAdam, D. D., and elders W. P. Wisewell and Charles Hamlin, of Naples, organized the church with 24 members—14 uniting by letter and 10 upon confession. Hyatt C. Hatch, J. J. Crouch, and W. L. Carter were chosen and ordained elders. The Ladies' Aid Society was organized Aug. 15, 1894.

Rev. Dr. McAdam remained until Oct. 1st, when Rev. Samuel W. Pratt succeeded him. Oct. 14, 1894, the Y. P. S. C. E. was organized. Dec. 2, 1894, the society was incorporated with Harrison Briglin, H. W. Hatch, W. E. Waite, E. H. Wetmore, and E. W. Lent as trustees. A revival starting in the Week of Prayer, under Rev. S. W. Pratt's ministry, brought 37 into membership. Mar. 7, 1895, Mr. Thomas Kerr was called to the pastorate. Accepting, he began work at once, being ordained and installed June 6, 1895, Rev. Dr. W. A. Niles preaching the sermon.

George S. Fowler and W. E. Otto were ordained elders Aug. 4, 1895. Sept. 19, 1895, the corner stone of a church edifice was laid which was dedicated Mar. 19, 1896, costing furnished about \$8,000. The Woman's Missionary Society was organized Dec. 10, 1895. The present elders are H. C. HATCH, GEO. S. FOWLER, and W. E. OTTO.

*Facts furnished by Rev. Thomas Kerr.

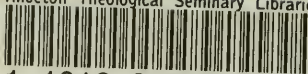
THE AVOCA CHURCH (1896-1897).

On July 30, 1896, at a special meeting of presbytery, 67 persons presented letters from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Avoca and were organized as the Avoca Presbyterian Church. The reasons for the step were the distance from another Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Presbyterian training and sympathies of many in the congregation. SAMUEL J. BEALS, J. H. WAGNER, CHARLES ALLEN, T. F. DUNHAM, and EDWIN SHAVER, were ordained elders. An order of the Court transferred the old building to the new organization. The membership is now 116, 24 having been received Mar. 7, 1897. The Sunday School has an average attendance of over 100. The Y. P. S. C. E. has 42 members—the Juniors 41. This church is under the pastoral care of Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, who was chiefly instrumental in the organization.

The society was incorporated Aug. 15, 1896. The trustees are J. A. Zielley, J. H. Waters, C. H. Wagner, Fred L. Peck, J. H. Wagner, and J. H. Beals. A new edifice costing \$3,000 was dedicated free of debt Aug. 25, 1897. The old edifice, changed and renovated, forms the lecture room and parlor.



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